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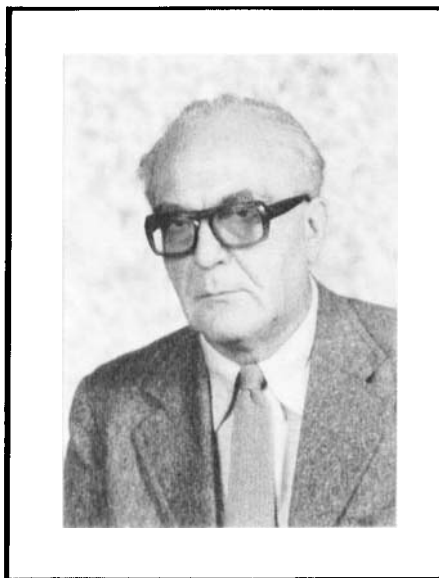
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In Memoriam

ISTVAN HALASZ



Istvan Halasz died on August 18, 1988 at the age of 66 years. A native of Hungary, he received his education with a Dr. phil. at the University of Szeged, in 1949. He spent the next seven years on the staff of the Institute of Physical Chemistry of the Technical University, Budapest, working with Professor Geza Schay. In 1954, he wrote a thesis on "Investigations of the Structure of Catalysts and Adsorbents by Vapor Adsorption." During that same year, he became one of the first members of the newly formed Central Research Institute for Chemistry of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences where he served as Head of the Department of Gas Adsorption and Catalysis. In 1957, he emigrated to Germany, joining the Institute of Physical Chemistry of the Johann-Wolfgang-Goethe University, in Frankfurt/Main. He received the title of Professor in 1964. In

1970-71, he was visiting professor at Northeastern University in Boston, Massachusetts, USA, and the University of Nice in France. Since 1971, he had held the chair for Applied Physical Chemistry at the University of Saarlandes, Saarbrücken, West Germany, until his retirement two years ago.

In the late 1950's through the 1960's, Dr. Halasz had been involved in the development of open tubular capillary columns for gas chromatography and in the development of "brush-type" bonded phase packings. During the late 1960's, he became interested in liquid chromatography and became one of the founding fathers of modern high performance liquid chromatography. He was awarded, in 1978, the Chromatography Commemorative Medal of the U.S.S.R. Academy of Sciences and, in 1980, the M.S. Tswett Chromatography Award.

His final lecture was delivered to a capacity audience at HPLC'88 in Washington, DC, just two months before his death. The world has lost a scientific leader, a man of warm humor and, to many of us, a dear personal friend.

Robert Weinberger
December 1, 1988