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TRIBUTE TO PROF. FERENC TÜDÖS

Ferenc Tüdös, academician of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences, was born in 1931 in Szuhakallo, Hungary. He graduated from the University of Szeged in 1953. He obtained the Ph.D. degree in the Institute of Technology in Leningrad in 1956, and in 1964 he became a Doctor of Science. He was elected a corresponding member of Hungarian Academy of Sciences in 1970, and in 1982 he became an academician. He became an ordinarius of Eötvös Lóránd University in Budapest in 1973. In 1957 he became the principal investigator of a research team in the Central Research Institute of Chemistry of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences. Since 1969 he has been the head of the Department of Macromolecular Chemistry of the Institute.

Prof. Tüdös has 433 scientific publications and about 430 lectures delivered at both domestic and foreign events. The scientific activity of Prof. Tüdös has significantly influenced the development of macromolecular chemistry in the field of radical polymerization reactions. His work is an inspiration for the younger generation of polymer chemists. His results in the field of kinetics of radical polymerization and his analysis of complex polymerization systems have become classics, and their enduring contribution is proven by the abiding interest shown by the research publications of his followers.

His activities as a member of several institutions are notable and creditable. These institutions include the Scientific Cooperation Bureau of UNESCO, the Macromolecular Division of IUPAC, the Commission for Nomenclature of Macromolecular Chemistry of IUPAC, and several other domestic and foreign activities connected to the development of macromolecular chemistry. He has long served on the editorial boards of European and overseas scientific journals devoted to problems of macromolecular chemistry.

The relation of Prof. Tüdös to Slovak macromolecular chemistry is very close; he has directly contributed to its development. His activity in the working group of multilateral cooperation, "Radical Polymerization," has had a significant impact on the development of macromolecular chemistry in Slovakia and other countries. His frequent informal contacts with the Polymer Institute of the Slovak Academy of Sciences and with the Faculty of Chemical Technology of the Slovak Technical University, as well as his constant support of mutual scientific contacts of research teams, have been of great importance.

Granting an honorary membership in the Slovak Chemical Society is an expression of our appreciation of the contribution of academician Ferenc Tüdös to the development of macromolecular science and his personal merits in the formation of good conditions for the cooperation of Slovak and Hungarian institutions.

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