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IN MEMORIAM: TIBOR KELEN

I am sorry to announce the untimely death of Professor Tibor Kelen who was killed in an automobile accident on October 9, 1993. On behalf of our publisher, Marcel Dekker, and his staff, and the members of the Editorial Board of this *Journal*, I would like to extend our deepest sympathy to Professor Kelen's wife and family.

Tibor Kelen was born in Vaja, Hungary, on August 3, 1930. He received a B.S. in chemistry in 1953 and a Doctorate in 1967. From 1966 to 1985 he coordinated research in Polymer Degradation at the Central Research Institute for Chemistry of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences. In 1985, he became Chairman of the Department of Applied Chemistry at the Institute of Chemistry, Lajor Kossuth University, where he was instrumental in organizing postgraduate education in Macromolecular Science.

Professor Kelen published extensively (over 270 papers) in the areas of polymer degradation, stabilization, and polymerization kinetics and mechanisms. He was the author of a book entitled *Polymer Degradation*, and he contributed chapters to several other compilations. Perhaps he is best known for the Kelen–Tüdös method for determining reactivity ratios; the first paper on this subject appeared in this *Journal* in 1975, coauthored by Professors T. Kelen and F. Tüdös.

He was a member of the Editorial Board of *Die Angewandte Chemie, The Journal of Macromolecular Science—Pure and Applied Chemistry*, and *Polymer Bulletin*. Professor Kelen was the Hungarian representative to the Macromolecular Division of the International Union of Pure and Applied Chemistry from 1979 to his death.

In recognition of his outstanding scientific achievements, Professor Kelen received numerous awards including the prestigious Silver Medal (Labor of Honor, 1975) and the highest scientific award in Hungary—the Hungarian State Award (1978).

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