IN MEMORIAM TIBOR MEISEL



On the 13th of August, 1986, Prof. Tibor Meisel, Member of the Editorial Board of this journal died

Tibor Meisel was born in Kajal (Czechoslovakia), a small village of Hungarian inhabitants, on the 25th of May, 1929. He graduated at the Technical University of Budapest in 1954 as a chemical engineer. Then he joined the Institute of General Chemistry (now Institute for General and Analytical Chemistry) of his Alma Mater as an assistant professor. He became an associate professor in 1969 and a professor in 1982. He was granted the degrees of Candidate and Doctor of Chemical Science in 1967 and 1981, respectively, by the Hungarian Academy of Science. He was Vice-Dean of the Faculty of Chemical Engineering from 1970 to 1979 and the Secretary of the Committee of Analytical Chemistry of the Academy. As a visiting professor, he held lectures on the instrumental methods of analysis at the universities of Cairo, Baghdad, Chandigarh and Lima.

Prof. Meisel had great achievements in the development of the education at the Technical University of Budapest. His research activity was connected to the analysis and structure of organic substances; in the Institute, he was the head of the research group working in this field. He was the author of several books, monography chapters and more than 80 papers. In thermal analysis, a favourite branch of chemistry to him, he made outstanding contributions to our knowledge on the reactions and thermal behaviour of organic substances, on the phase transitions of liquid crystals and on the general problems and possibilities of thermoanalytical methods.

Tibor Meisel, the father of a son and a daughter, was a friendly, warm person with a unique capability to build contacts with people. His devotion to science and university education was inseparable from his deep interest in all kinds of values of culture and readiness to help people in solving their problems, both professional and personal.

Even the fatal desease could not break his strength. Just five days before his death he delivered his last lecture at a scientific meeting with great success. The results of his work and the memory of his humanity are alive.