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IN MEMORIAM



Professor Ferenc Tudos, member of the Editorial Board of the Journal of Macromolecular Science-Pure & Applied Chemistry, passed away on April 20, 1998 at the age of 68. (Funeral was held on May 13, 1998 in Budapest.)

Professor Tudos was born in the small mining village, Szuhakallo in Northern Hungary on April 1, 1931. He attended the University of Szeged and obtained his degree in chemistry with honors in 1953. The subject of his thesis for his diploma was "Gas Kinetics". This work was published and soon received international recognition while he was still an undergraduate. Professor Tudos completed his graduate work at the Institute of Technology from 1953-1955 in Leningrad, (now St. Petersburg) and received what we would call the Ph.D. He was awarded the Doctor of Chemical Sciences Degree (Professorship) from the same Institute in 1964. In 1957 he was appointed head of the Research Group of Macromolecular Chemistry at the Central Research Institute for Chemistry, Hungarian Academy of Sciences. This group developed into the Department of Polymer Chemistry. Tudos has been in charge of this group ever since that time.

In 1970 he became Corresponding Member, and he was elected Full Member of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences in 1982. In 1973 Professor Tudos was offered the position of Head of Department of Chemical Technology at Eotvos Lorand University, the University of Budapest. In this new position he undertook additional activities in research and teaching as a Professor of the University.

His scientific contributions are numerous: 520 lectures, 450 publications, 29 patents, 2,000 citations, and 9 review articles/book chapters (author or co-author).

Since 1956, Professor Tudos has been married to Helga Veronika Feuer, also a chemist, who has shared with him the challenges of life and of his professional career. They have three daughters and eight grandchildren.

The Editorial staff at Marcel Dekker, Inc. wish to convey their sincere sympathy to Professor Tudos' family. He will be sorely missed.

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