

## *Congratulations*

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### **Prof. S. Gál**

*Personal data:*

Date of birth: March 1, 1933

Place of birth: Farnos, Hungary

*Education:*

1956 Chemical Engineer, Technical University of Budapest, Hungary.

1972 Ph.D.; 1982 Doctor of Science.; 1993 Corresponding member of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences

*Professional activity:*

He has been working for the Institute of General and Analytical Chemistry of the Technical University.

1990–1991 Head of the Institute. 1981–1988 Deputy Dean of the Chemical Faculty

1988–1996 Dean of the Chemical Engineering Faculty. 2003– Prof. Emeritus

*Main fields of interest:*

Development of thermal methods, especially different temperature programming devices and industrial applications of the results obtained by thermal research. The number of publications is more than 130. Writing various student textbooks and chapters dealing with thermal analysis in different national and international books.

*Awards:*

He has got the Gold Grade of the Superior Inventors three times. Erdey Award of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences; Silver Grade of the 'Work of Honour'; State Award; International Technological Award; Middle Cross of the Hungarian Republic.

*Number of patents:*

52, both national and international.

Prof. Gál was my favourite teacher who taught me instrumental analytical chemistry including thermal analysis and calorimetry. One of the most important things is he was present and witnessed the birth of the Journal of Thermal Analysis in 1969 and he supported Dr. Buzágh and me as the member of the Board. Besides, number of his former students occupy leading positions in the chemical life worldwide.

On behalf of the Editorial Staff of the Journal let me wish you many happy returns of this day.

*J. Simon*



**Prof. E. Segal**

*Personal data:*

Date of birth: May 23, 1933

Place of birth: Iași, Romania

*Education:*

1951–1955 student at Faculty of Chemistry, University of Bucharest

1955 Ms.; 1964 Ph.D.; 1970 Reader degree in Chemistry

1973 Fulbright fellowship, Department of Chemical Engineering, Stanford University, California; 1991 Corresponding member of the Romanian Academy

*Professional activities:*

Professor in Physical Chemistry (Chemical Kinetics)

1969–1974 University of Bucharest

1974–1990 Polytechnic Institute

1990–present University of Bucharest

*Main fields of interest:*

Heterogeneous non-isothermal and isothermal kinetics

Chemosorbtion and chemical kinetics of the catalysis

Formal kinetics

*Publications:*

More than 480 papers, 10 books

Citations 559 out of 868 in 1991–2001 period

*Patents:* 12

*Awards:*

1960 I. Prize of Ministry of Education

1964 II. Prize of Ministry of Education

1976 Award of Romanian Academy of Sciences

1999 Doctor Honoris Causa of the West University Timisoara

He has been the member of the Editorial Advisory Boards of outstanding national and international conferences and journals. He played an important role in the scientific life of the Journal of Thermal Analysis and Calorimetry, especially in the field of heterogeneous kinetics. He has been the Regional Editor and the member of the Editorial Advisory Board and later on the member of the Honorary Board. Apart from his position of the Journal he devoted an extra effort to the success of the Journal all over the world. In all cases he behaved as a good friend of us and nobody can say my nickname Jutka with such a nice foreign accent, as he can.

We wish you further successes and stay with us for a long time.

*J. Simon*