

Doctor honoris causa to Jaroslav Šesták

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A long-standing member of the Editorial Board of Journal of Thermal Analysis and Calorimetry, Prof. Jaroslav Šesták, M.Eng. Ph.D., D.Sc, Dr.h.c., (Czech Republic) was awarded by the honorary degree of “doctor honoris causa” from Pardubice University for his life achievements in chemistry and physics of solids. The award was bestowed during the ceremonial meeting of the University academic board at the presence of nine rectors and a range of deans of affined universities, representatives of the academy sciences, chemical societies, and communal governments as well as other distinguished intellectuals. It is worth noting that this extraordinary recognition is conferred very rarely as is mostly reserved for prominent politicians and seldom for prolific scientists. Thus this nomination confirm a high great credit for Jaroslav’s extensive work (~300 papers, ~2500 citations and Hirsh citation factor > 20 and almost 200 invited lectures; mostly in the fields of applied thermodynamics and thermal analysis) along with his public activity, mentioning his role in the foundation of scientific periodicals of *Thermochimica Acta* (1970), *Journal of Mining and Metallurgy* (1995) and recently the *Global Journal of Analytical Chemistry* (2010). He also assisted the underpinning of the ICTA confederation (1965), School of Energy Sciences of Kyoto University (1996), Faculty of Humanities of Charles University in Prague (1999), Institute of Interdisciplinary Studies of West Bohemian University in Pilsen (2000) and he was the program chair of the ICTA Conference in Bratislava 1985. Jaroslav is a bearer of the creditable international (US NATAS/TA 1974, Russian Kurnakov 1985, Izrael Bodeheimer 1988, ICTAC (England) 1992 or Greek Patras 2007) as well as the supreme national (Chemical Society 1998 and Academy of Sciences 1999) awards. He is also a recognized personality of glass research and of the International Commission on Glass where he

functioned, for example, as a long-standing member of the ICG TC7 Committee on Crystallization of Glasses, the organizer of the Kreidl Memorial Glass Conference and the honorary chairman of the ESG/ICG’08 glass international conference (both in Slovakia 2004 and 2008) as well



Fig. 1 Prof. Petra Šulcová, Pardubice University in Pardubice



Fig. 2 Prof. Peter Šimon, Slovak Technical University of Technology in Bratislava

as he has recently taken a part in the creation team of the new US periodical, i.e., the International Journal of Applied Glass Research (2009). As a curiosity we can reveal that Jaroslav is also a recognized photographer with over 20 one-man photo-exhibitions and is known for supplying his books by his art photos, just mentioning “Heat, thermal analysis

and society” (Nucleus 2004) or “Some thermodynamic, structural and behavioral aspects of materials accentuating non-crystalline states” (Pilsen 2009) (Figs. 1 and 2).

We wish Jaroslav many happy and successful years yet to go!