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## In honor of Svetomir Hadži Jordanov's 70<sup>th</sup> birthday

### A rare jubilee



With this issue the Editorial Board of MJCCE joins the celebration of our colleague, life-long professor at the Faculty of Technology and Metallurgy, former Editor-in-Chief of this Journal and actual President of the Society of Chemists and Technologists of Macedonia (SCTM), for the occasion of his 70<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Chemical engineer, electrochemist, professor, scientist and publicist Prof. Hadži Jordanov continues to act as the main pillar of the SCTM. He inspired and realized activities as, e.g. recent celebration of IYC 2011, popularization of chemistry (he translated and brought to life the Exhibition *Contributions of Chemistry to the Improvement of Life*, initiated by the American Chemical Society). We still remember his efforts to:

- Publish the Monograph *100 Years of Chemical and Related Industries in Macedonia*,
- Organize the Mendeleev's Celebration in Macedonia (1834–1907–2007);
- Organize *ICOSECS 5*, a Conference of Chemical Societies of South East Europe;
- Organize celebration of the 40<sup>th</sup> Jubilee of the Faculty of Technology and Metallurgy
- Provide a number of books and journals through the collaboration with ACS' *Project Book share* and to purchase textbooks and establish the Library collection *1000 Textbooks for the Fundamental Disciplines for Students*;
- Organize and provide funds for reconstruction/modernization of the Faculty's librarian and seminar facilities;
- Restart (and improve the quality) of the *Bulletin of Chemists and Technologists of Macedonia*, predecessor of the MJCCE.

In his *Curriculum vitae* we could read that:

- Prof. Hadzi Jordanov is one of the founders of the Faculty of Technology and Metallurgy in Skopje and has held numerous positions, including Dean of the Faculty, Head of an institute, vice Dean, etc. He has been the main investigator of many international projects, plenary lecturer at congresses in many countries.
- He obtained his Ph.D. at the University of Belgrade at the age of 32, and at 36 was already full professor (physical chemistry, electrometallurgy, corrosion and protection of metals, metallurgy of rare metals).
- He has conducted research and teaching at three universities (Skopje, Belgrade and Ottawa), and published four influential textbooks in the area of electrometallurgy, corrosion and protection of metals and electrochemistry.
- He is the author of 80 original scientific papers, 120 congress presentations and main investigator of four grants financed by the European Commission in Brussels, as well as many other.

- He innovated an original bubble counting technique, and was first who experimentally opened the road for obtaining supercondensers, as part of the Prof. Brian Conway's research team in Ottawa, Canada. This is why he was highly ranked on the list of Macedonia's most cited scientist, according to the *Science Citation Index* (1991).
- As a publicist, he is author of numerous articles in daily, periodical publications and brochures for laymen, mainly in the area of science and environment.
- In the years 2000-2010 he published four books of essays in Skopje and Belgrade, all containing the term *Wonderful Times* in their title, and reviewed as *a book for one night, but also for a lifetime - whenever you reach for it, whatever page you open, as little as you read from them, the pleasure will again be new and intensive*.

In summary, in every written or spoken word by Prof. Hadži Jordanov, we recognize his unmistakable style, concise, simple, penetrating thought, behind which there is a rich all-encompassing knowledge and ever young and fresh inquisitive mind.

Congratulating his jubilee, we expect additional new exciting *times*, especially knowing that Professor is delighted with the Chinese wish: *May the almighty Lord give you to live in interesting times* (n.b. this is a curse, not a blessing!).