

RNDr. Antonín Řežábek Passed Away

On December 21st 1998 died suddenly on heart attack in his 77th year Dr. *Řežábek*, who was working for many years in the field of chemical research, industry, and education and who was an active propagator of rational ideas of chemical engineering.

Born in Písek (1922), he belonged among those young people, who had to work in Germany during the World War II. After war he studied physics at the Charles University in Prague and his professional career began in the Research Institute of Synthetic Rubber in Zlín where he met many colleagues, who later substantially influenced Czechoslovak chemical engineering science. At random we can mention Professor *Ulbrecht* and others.

In 1961 Dr. *Řežábek* received an offer to lead newly formed chemical engineering group in the Research Department in the Chemical Works of George Dimitrov (CHZJD) Bratislava where he worked until his retirement in 1985.

During his professional career Dr. *Řežábek* cooperated and headed many research projects with industrial application. He was author and coauthor of more than 30 Czechoslovak patents. He became pioneer of rational methods of R&D and optimization production of rubber additives in the former CHZJD Bratislava. As an example of his activities can serve his important role in research and industrial application of the biggest action in the rubber additives area – Antioxidant CD in Duslo Šafa.

Dr. *Řežábek* also cooperated in the education of students and doctorands. He gave lectures in postgraduate courses of chemical engineering managed by the University of Chemical Technology, Prague, where he specialized in technical-economical analysis of chemical productions. He also cooperated with the Department of Chemical Machines of the Engineering Faculty of the Slovak University of Technology, where he was for many years member of examining boards and scientific advisor and reviewer of many Ph.D. theses.

Dr. *Řežábek* was a creative scientific worker in the very sense of these words. His power was in the art of detail, to get to the bottom of it, describe it and forecast its behaviour.

We, who had the honour to cooperate with our doctor (how we used to call him familiarly), remember with respect his high professional level and his kind access to our – in those times still youthful – mistakes and errors.

This article, dedicated to the memory of Dr. *Řežábek*, is a futile attempt to honour a distinguished scientist, a trusted colleague, a good friend and, most of all, a kind and whole-hearted human being.

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