In memoriam

Prof. dr. sc. Mladen Andrassy, dipl. ing.
(4th August 1947 – 22nd September 2016)

On the first day of autumn this year we learned the sad news. Retired Professor Mladen Andrassy, Ph.D., graduate mechanical engineer, a prominent scientist and expert, a tireless promoter of the profession, left us forever.

He was born on August 4, 1947 in Zagreb where he finished elementary and high school. He graduated in 1972 from the Faculty of Mechanical Engineering and Naval Architecture, University of Zagreb, where he was awarded his master's degree in 1979 and his Ph.D. degree in 1990. After graduating, in the period from 1972 to 1975 he worked at the company Rade Končar generators and from 1975 until his retirement at the Faculty of Mechanical Engineering and Naval Architecture (FAMENA), the Department of Heat and Thermal Devices (now the Department of Thermal and Process Engineering).

He started working at the FAMENA as an assistant, then as a research assistant. In 1991 he was elected assistant professor, in 1996 associate professor and in 2001 full professor. In the period 1996 - 2000, he was the Vice-dean of the FAMENA, and from 2002 to 2006, the Chairman of the Curriculum Committee of the FAMENA and the President of the Quality Assurance Committee at the University of Zagreb. During his working life, he took part in a number of professional training programs in the United States, Finland, Sweden, and Austria. As an author and a co-author, he published a number of scientific and professional papers in scientific journals and presented his research results at conferences. He is one of the pioneers in the introduction of infrared (IR) thermography, not only into the teaching at the FAMENA, but also into its application in Croatia. He is credited with organizing the IR thermography training and he is also a co-author of the first book in the field of IR thermography in the Croatian language.

All of us who knew him and who were his friends, colleagues, acquaintances, and students will always remember him as a selfless person who transferred knowledge, a valuable associate and, above all, a person with a big heart.