

EDITORIAL

Professor Božo Težak (1907–1980) became a member of the Editorial Board of our journal fifty years ago in 1949. The editor at that time was Dr Stanko Miholić (1891–1960) and the journal was named »*Arhiv za kemiju*« (Archive for Chemistry). Professor Težak became the editor in 1953 and was the major force that three years later renamed »*Arhiv za kemiju*« into »*Croatica Chemica Acta*« and internationalized the journal. The story of Professor Težak's editorship is told at the end of this issue in an article entitled »Božo Težak and *Croatica Chemica Acta*«. In another article, entitled »Božo Težak and Communication with the Scientific World«, his role in organizing international summer schools »The Chemistry of Solid/Liquid Interfaces«, proceedings of which were published in our journal, is reviewed.

Professor Werner Stumm, who has served on the Advisory Board of our journal since 1992, is retiring for reasons of ill health and advanced age. Professor Stumm is important to »*Croatica Chemica Acta*« because his paper: W. Stumm, C.P. Huang and S.R. Jenkins, *Specific Chemical Interactions Affecting the Stability of Dispersed Systems*, *Croat. Chem. Acta* **42** (1970) 223–245 is the most cited paper in our journal and keeps high the total number of citations per year for our journal. It became the *Science Citation Classic* (that is, cited more than a thousand times) in 1990. The article is based on the report delivered by Professor Stumm at the first international summer school »The Chemistry of Solid/Liquid Interfaces«, held from June 23 until July 4, 1969 in Cavtat, Croatia. We thank Professor Stumm for his service to »*Croatica Chemica Acta*« and the support given to Croatian chemists over the years.

Ms Vera Mikulčić is also retiring. She has served as the administrative secretary of our journal since 1961 and under four editors (Božo Težak, Siniša Maričić, Vladimir Simeon and Nenad Trinajstić). She was also the administrative secretary of the Croatian Chemical Society. Anybody that ever corresponded with our journal either as an author or a referee would remember receiving answers from »*Croatica Chemica Acta*« usually signed by Ms Mikulčić. She was addressed with all kinds of titles (Prof., Dr., Madam, Miss, Mrs, Ms, *etc.*, even Sir) since majority of the correspondents

from abroad did not know who she was. She was (and is) a hard-working modest lady who loved her work and now we face a great problem of finding somebody to replace her. This will be a very difficult task. We thank Ms Vera Mikulčić for her devoted work for the Croatian Chemical Society and »*Croatica Chemica Acta*« and wish her many happy years in her retirement.

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