

PREFACE

Egon Matijević is our prominent member who started his career in Zagreb and later moved to the USA. However, he has always been associated with the Croatian Chemical Society. He has been Assistant Editor of our journal, and recently sponsored the Award in Physical Chemistry for young scientists. His collaboration with our colloid chemists in Zagreb has been fruitful and appreciated.

Egon Matijević was born in Otočac in Croatia in 1922. He attended secondary school in Osijek and the Technical Faculty at the University of Zagreb. In 1944 he received his Diploma in Chemical Engineering at the same University. He habilitated in Physical Chemistry at the Faculty of Science at the University of Zagreb in 1952.

His research work in colloid chemistry began when he joined Professor Božo Težak as a research collaborator at the Faculty of Science. During that Zagreb period, owing to his enormous activity and close collaboration with Professor Težak, he published 25 papers. His contribution to chemical education during that period was also significant.

In 1956 he left Zagreb to spend a year in the Department of Colloid Science at Cambridge University (England) before going in 1957 to Clarkson College of Technology (today, Clarkson University, Potsdam, NY, USA). At Clarkson, in 1957 he started his work with Professor Milton Kerker as Research Associate and in 1960 became Associate Professor of Chemistry. He was appointed Professor of Chemistry in 1962. In the period 1968-1981 he held the position of Director of Institute of Colloid and Surface Science and during the period 1981-1987 he was the Chairman of Chemistry Department. Because of his outstanding contribution to research and education in 1986 he was honored by a title of Distinguished University Professor, the only one at Clarkson University.

Matijević's research field is colloid chemistry. He is active in both the fundamental and applied aspects of colloidal systems. Today most of his work is devoted to preparation and characterization of particles for special purposes, but he is also well known for other contributions. He has written about 500 scientific papers, about 30 technical articles and three monographs. In the period 1966-1993 he was the regional Editor for America of Colloid and Polymer Science and Editor of 16 Monographs. He is recipient of about 20 awards and recognitions. Only few will be mentioned here: four

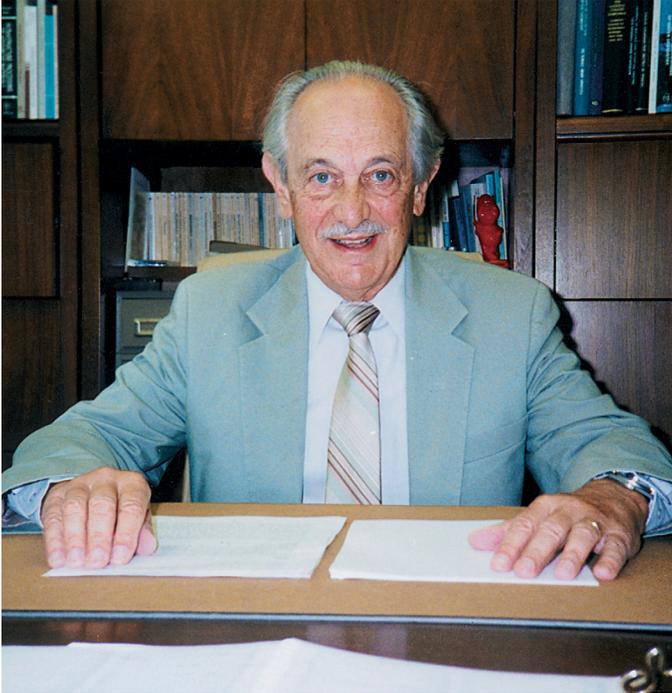
Honorary D.Sc. degrees, »Božo Težak« Medal of Croatian Chemical Society, Thomas Graham Award of the Kolloid Gesellschaft, Kendall Award, Langmuir Award and Iler Award. The latter three awards are given by the American Chemical Society (ACS), and he is the only person who has received all three prizes of the ACS in this field of science. The latest award which he especially appreciated is the Honorary Doctor of Science Degree of his Alma Mater the University of Zagreb. He is an internationally recognized, highly appreciated scientist. At Clarkson he is well known as one of those people who contributed to development of the Department of Chemistry and later on he was principal founder of the Institute of Colloid and Surface Science.

Egon Matijević is a world traveler. He has delivered about 1000 lectures, among them 60 plenary lectures. He is a successful organizer of numerous symposia and he is a person who has attracted more than a hundred collaborators, about forty Ph.D. students as well as numerous M.Sc. students who have successfully defended their theses under his guidance.

On this occasion we wish you, Egon, many successful and enjoyable years in the future.

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Guest Editor

Dedicated to
Professor Egon Matijević
in recognition of his lifelong contribution
to colloid science



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