

International Scientific and Professional Conference 15th Ružička Days “Today science, tomorrow industry”

We are pleased to present the special edition of *Chemical and Biochemical Engineering Quarterly (CABEQ)*, dedicated to the International Scientific and Professional Conference 15th Ružička Days “Today science, tomorrow industry”, which was held in Vukovar, Croatia, on 11th and 12th September, 2014.

The Ružička Days have been taking place traditionally in Vukovar, Croatia, biannually since 1978, and are devoted to Leopold (Lavoslav) Ružička (13. 9. 1887 – 26. 9. 1976), a Croatian Nobel Laureate in Chemistry. Since its beginnings, the Conference venue was Ružička’s house of birth in Vukovar, with a pause during the Homeland War when the conference took place in Osijek (1989) and Bizovac (1993 and 1996). The mission of the Ružička Days is to promote excellence, interdisciplinarity, originality and innovation, as well as cooperation of the science and industry.

The programme of the 15th Ružička Days included six sections: Chemical analysis and synthesis, Chemical and biochemical engineering, Food

technology and biotechnology, Medical biochemistry and pharmacy, Chemistry in agriculture and forestry, and Environmental protection. Five plenary lectures, one invited lecture, 19 oral presentations,

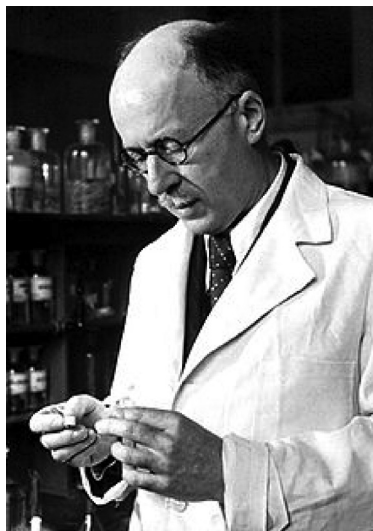
and 106 poster presentations were given by 415 scientists coming from 15 different countries. Within the Conference, the 4th Meeting of Young Chemists was held, where high-school chemists and their teachers presented their work.

The interdisciplinary character of the conference is also reflected in this special issue throughout 9 manuscripts covering different fields. We would like to thank the authors who accepted the invitation and prepared the papers, as well as the reviewers and the CABEQ Editorial Board for their efforts and cooperation.

Being members of the Croatian scientific community, our duty is to follow Ružička’s motto, vision, commitment and loyalty to the science.

Therefore, let us invite you to Ružička’s place of birth, to Vukovar in Croatia, in September 2016 to attend the 16th Ružička Days!

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Leopold (Lavoslav) Ružička
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