

IN MEMORIAM

Professor Peter Csavinszky

(1931-95)



Prof. Peter Csavinszky of the University of Maine (Orono, USA) is internationally known for his research work in atomic and solid state physics. He authored more than 100 scientific articles. His research productivity was recognized by his University which honoured him by the Presidential Research and Creative Achievement Award. He served as a chairman of the New England Section of the American Physical Society and was elected a fellow of this society.

Prof. Csavinszky was born in Budapest in 1931. He received a B. Sc. degree in chemical engineering at the Technical University of Budapest, and started to do research in physics at the same university, when in tragical days of Hungary in 1956 he had to leave the country. He continued his studies at the University of Ottawa and after receiving the Ph. D. in physics there he held a postdoc fellowship at the NRC of Canada for two years. After serving as a research physicist at various US companies (Hughes Aircraft, General Dynamics, Texas Instruments, and TRW Systems) he joined the University of Maine in 1970 where he was promoted to a full professor of physics in 1975. He died in Old Town (Maine, USA) on December 31, 1995.

In addition to his passionate interest in physics, he was an avid reader of military history, a glider pilot, and enjoyed to participate at scientific meetings at various corners of the globe. Especially he liked to attend the Dubrovnik meetings from their very beginnings where he had always delivered top quality lectures. When he was unable to come to Croatia, he was kind to submit *in absentia* manuscripts. One of his last papers is present in this issue of *Croatica* which is dedicated to his memory.

We remember Prof. Csavinszky for his great sense of humor and ability to get along with and talk to people from all walks of life. He will be remembered as a great friend and supporter of our meetings and he will be missed by all their participants.

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