

## PROFESSOR ERNŐ PUNGOR



Professor Ernő Pungor was born on 30 October 1923. He graduated from the Pázmány Péter University in Budapest in Chemistry in 1948 and received the Ph. D. degree in 1949. The Hungarian Academy of Sciences successively conferred on him titles and degrees of Candidate of Chemical Science in 1952, D. Sc. in 1956, corresponding member in 1967, and full member in 1976.

Ernő Pungor joined the staff of the Eötvös Loránd University in Budapest, Hungary in 1949 as assistant professor. In 1953 he was promoted associate professor. In 1962 he was appointed full professor and Head of the Institute for Analytical Chemistry of the University of Chemical Industry in Veszprém. From 1970 to 1990 he was Head of the Institute for General and Analytical Chemistry of the Technical University, Budapest. Since September 1990 Prof. Pungor is the President of the Hungarian National Committee for Technological Development as minister without portfolio.

Prof. Pungor was president of the Association of Editors of the European Chemical Journals in 1977, member of the International Federation of the Scientific Editors Association 1981, Chairman of the Working Party on Analytical Chemistry of the Federation of European Chemical Societies between 1981 and 1987, a member of the International Union of Pure and Applied Chemistry from 1974 to 1987, of its Analytical Chemistry Division between 1977 and 1981 and of its Electroanalytical Committee from 1981

to 1987, Chairman of the Analytical Division of the Hungarian Chemical Society and head of the Analytical Group of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences since 1970, and of many Hungarian Scientific committees.

His awards and distinctions include: honorary member of the Chemical Section of the Czechoslovak Academy of Sciences in 1966: honorary doctor (Dr., h.c.) of the Institute of Technology, Vienna, Austria, 1983: of T. U. Bratislava, 1985: honorary member of the Egyptian Pharmaceutical Society in 1973, of the Austrian Analytical and Microanalytical Society in 1977, of the Chemical Society of Finland in 1979, of the Analytical Chemical Society of Japan in 1981, and of the Technical Society of Finland in 1990: furthermore, honorary professor of the Árpád Academy in the U.S.A., honorary professor of the agricultural University of Lima, Peru, in 1973: of the Technical University Budapest, 1993 recipient of the Robert Boyle Gold Medal in 1986: recipient of Talanta Gold Medal in 1987. Gold Medal of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences 1988, Gold Medal of the Institute of Analytical Chemistry of the Technical University of Vienna, 1988. Honorary fellow of the Royal Society of Chemistry, 1993, Honorary member of the Indian Academy of Sciences, 1993.

He is author of several books, and of over 500 scientific papers on modern analytical chemistry. Editor of the oldest Hungarian chemical periodical, the 100 year old Magyar Kémiai Folyóirat and member of the Editorial Board of over ten international scientific periodicals.