

IN MEMORIAM JÁNOS LISZI

This issue is dedicated to Professor János Liszi who was the Rector of the University of Veszprém in 1989-1995. The University acquired this name during his term in an era of severe political and economic challenges (today: University of Pannonia). Under his leadership the University took on these challenges and has been modernized to become an institution with a wider scope. He was the head of the Department of Physical Chemistry for many years. The Department was also reshaped during this period.

His early death was unexpected and mourned.

He influenced the life of many and left his mark on his Alma Mater in Veszprém, but he also had an impact on other institutions as the commemoration of László Rác below indicates. László Rác was the Head of the Chemistry Department in Eger when Professor Liszi joined to teach Physical Chemistry there.

It was an honor to organize and edit this issue to salute my respected supervisor.

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Dezső Boda
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THE EGER-CONNECTION OF PROFESSOR LISZI

He was a tough and righteous man towards himself just as towards his colleagues in Veszprém. I can say that the same was true regarding his relationship with the colleagues and students of the Chemistry Department at the Eszterházy Károly College in Eger. That is why we got to like him so much.

When a position for teaching Physical Chemistry became available in our Department, it was not easy to find the right person to fill the boots left by an excellent colleague who had held this position for 30 years. According to the urgent need to yield the proper knowledge to our students, our director indicated to Professor Liszi that there was a problem to be solved in Eger. He did not hesitate and drove 230 km to Eger right away. He assisted with our teaching work for many years.

A fruitful professional relationship had been established between Veszprém and Eger. We gladly accepted the support offered by Professor Liszi. Beyond his Physical Chemistry courses in the curriculum, he regularly gave seminars about various topics not only to our students but also to colleagues and students from other departments. An example that I witnessed characterizes his professional work. After a class, a student from the Physics programme approached him and said, "I will enter the Chemistry programme because this was so beautiful and logical". And he did. He became a Physics-Chemistry teacher and now works in the Physics Department.

Since 2015, our College has functioned as a University. I am sure that the support of Professor Liszi has contributed to the development of our institution considerably. He has also contributed to my personal development because he encouraged me to defend my habilitation thesis. He also contributed to the education of our team beyond the field of Physical Chemistry. During excursions to Tihany and at The Benedictine Order he acted as a guide and demonstrated his vast knowledge of History and classical culture.

The expertise of our Department, making wine, also belongs to classical culture. It was a pleasure to host him and his wife for wine tastings on several occasions. At such times, we discussed the science of wine-making. Time flew and we got onto the subject of the thermodynamics of multicomponent homogeneous systems after a few glasses of wine. Sadly the Blessing of St. John had to come early because he had an early start the following morning. The minimum 1000 m session in the swimming pool could not be left unperformed.

Together with him we profess that technical details can only come after the firm scientific basics have been laid down. He achieved a lot for higher education and research in Eger. We are grateful for his efforts

We respected and loved him not only for his knowledge, but also for his humanity.

Eger, 12 October 2017

László Rác