

## AN ABITUARY NOTICE

### **Prof. Dr. Ing. VLADIMÍR KYZLINK, DrSc., Dr.h.c. deceased**

Professor Dr. Ing. VLADIMÍR KYZLINK, DrSc., professor emeritus in the Institute of Chemical Technology in Prague, the eminent representative of food science, noble personality, pedagogue and scientist died at the age of 93 years on January 3, 2008.

The lifework of Prof. KYZLINK is admirable. He sowed the seeds to the education of food preservation at a university level and was one of the founders of the education of food and biochemical technology in the Institute of Chemical Technology in Prague. His Department of Food Preservation and Meat Technology he founded more than fifty years ago educated many students who adopted many important positions in the food industry in the Czech Republic and abroad.

Prof. KYZLINK was born in Brno on January 29, 1915. He graduated from the Agricultural University in Brno in 1937. As early as a student he worked as an assistant at the Department of Agricultural and Analytical Chemistry, where he elaborated and defended his doctor's dissertation. After graduation he worked as a university assistant, then shortly in the Baťa Company in Otrokovice and in 1939 he became the head of the control laboratory and research department of the Biochema Company in Modřice.

Immediately after his habilitation qualification in 1946, Prof. KYZLINK was appointed the associate professor in the technology of agricultural industry and in 1948 he was appointed full professor of preservation technology at the Agricultural University in Brno.

Following the establishment of the independent Faculty of Food and Biochemical Technology in the Institute of Chemical Technology in Prague, he came to Prague in 1953 and became the head of the Department of Food Preservation and Meat Technology. During his successful activities he was also dean and vice-dean of the Faculty of Food and Biochemical Technology and vice-rector of the Institute of Chemical Technology and a member of the scientific council of the Faculty. He worked in consultative boards of research institutes; he was a member of the Czech Agricultural Academy and of several Czechoslovak scientific societies.

Professor KYZLINK regarded himself as a pedagogue at first and considered as his first task to educate excellent specialists for the food industry.

By Prof. Kyzlink's death we have lost an outstanding pedagogue, scientist and a person of exceptional qualities. Although our professor KYZLINK abandoned this world, his work remains here. Moreover, more than one thousand of alumni whom he taught not only the principles of preservation but also something more will always remember this excellent man.

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