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80th Birthday of Professor Victor Berezkin

The Member of Editorial Board of the journal Petroleum and Coal, honorable petrochemist of Soviet Union, winner of the State Prize of the Russian Federation, merited scientist of the Russian Federation celebrated his 80th birthday on April 18, 2011.

Upon graduating from the Faculty of Chemistry of the Moscow State University he started working at the Institute of Petrochemical Synthesis, Russian Academy of Sciences in Moscow. In 1962 he was appointed the head of the first chromatographic laboratory in Russian Academy of Sciences. In 1962 he received a PhD degree followed by a Doctorate degree in 1968. In 1970 he became full professor.

Professor Berezkin has published 550 scientific publications and authored 130 patents (including 20 used in industry and chromatographic practice). He has been involved in active and prolific cooperation not only with Russian but also international colleagues. His ideas have attracted countless research workers as a total number of external coworkers exceeded 120.

Victor Berezkin authored 25 books many of which have been translated and published abroad, e.g. in United States, Germany, United Kingdom, Poland, Hungary, Bulgaria. While being on Editorial Board, Mir Publishing House published translations of 20 outstanding foreign scientific authors.

Professor Berezkin has been scientific advisor for 56 PhD students and 3 Doctorate dissertations. He was a member of editorial boards in the following scientific journals: *Žurnal analitičeskoj chimii*, *Journal of Chromatography A*, *Journal of High Resolution Chromatography & Chromatography Communications*, and *Petroleum and Coal*.

For more than 30 years Professor Berezkin has cooperated with Slovak chromatographers from Comenius University, Chemical Institute of Faculty of Natural Sciences, and Slovak Technical University, Institute of Analytical Chemistry, Faculty of Chemical Technology, Bratislava, particularly in the field of absorption-adsorption retention mechanism in gas-liquid chromatography and its impact on retention, separation, identification and determination of physical and chemical parameters. The most recent cooperation has been focused on development and application of needle concentrators for trace analysis of organic contaminants. This cooperation has resulted in 14 scientific publications and 11 presentations at international symposia. In 2001 Professor Berezkin was awarded a memorial medal of the Slovak Chemical Society for his 30-year contribution to organization of the International Symposium on Chromatography III-XI in Bratislava.

We would like to wish Professor Berezkin good health and energy in ongoing scientific activities.

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