

PROFESSOR SORIN MAGER

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A brilliant scientist, the leader of the Organic Chemistry School of Cluj in the last decades, was the dean of the Faculty of Chemistry and Chemical Engineering for 8 years (1992-2000) in a difficult period of structural changes. At his 75 anniversary he is the same active, creative, exigent and productive professor as he is known by the academic community for nearly 50 years.

Born on May 7th 1931 in Arad, a town charged with history in the western part of Transylvania, in a family with a strong attachment for the culture and national traditions. He distinguished himself already during his years as student in the lyceum and faculty, as an outstanding personality dedicated for study, with scientific curiosity and interest in organic chemistry.



He obtained the PhD degree in Organic Chemistry in 1964, at "Babeș" University, under the supervision of Professor Maria Ionescu with the thesis: "o-Nitrobenzylidene acetals of myoinositol".

He held different positions: 1953-1958 teaching assistant ("V. Babeș" University, Cluj-Napoca); 1958-1961 chemist in "Terapia" drug plant; 1961-1963 teaching assistant (Pedagogical Institute of Cluj-Napoca); 1963-1968 lecturer (Pedagogical Institute of Cluj-Napoca); 1968-1970 lecturer, 1970-1990 associated professor and from 1990-2001 professor and from 2001 consulting professor at "Babeș-Bolyai" University.

His creative scientific work was strongly influenced by the one year post-doctoral research stage spent at Notre Dame University at Notre Dame, Indiana, USA in 1971-1972 in the group of professor Ernest Eliel, the most important researcher in the field of stereochemistry and of saturated six membered ring heterocycles. After his return in Roumania he edited books and papers which are the first ones (in Roumania) in Stereochemistry and in Organic Structural Analysis and he is considered effectively as being the parent of these disciplines in our university.

Concerning his teaching activity, many series of graduates of our faculty strongly appreciated his clear, logic, systematic and enthusiastic

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lectures. The colleagues and the academic community also appreciated his devotion towards Alma Mater Napocensis, his spirit of justice, his morality and collegiality. Professor Sorin Mager gave many lectures in important universities and International and National Conferences, he was visiting professor at University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, North Carolina and Michigan State University, East Lansing, Michigan, USA (1994).

He published 6 books (one in a French Publishing House) and he was collaborator to the "Encyclopedia of Chemistry" volumes 2, 3, 6 - 123 papers (54 in foreign journals). in stereochemistry, organic structural analysis and fine organic synthesis.

Professor Mager was Member of American Chemical Society (ACS) and he is member of Romanian Chemical Society. He was advisor for 12 PhD Thesis and member in 64 PhD. Juries. His research works are cited in many important publications and he was awarded with C. D. Nenitzescu Prize of the Romanian Academy (1992).