

Members of the Family of Professor Milan Hutta immersed in sorrow, Friends, Ladies and Gentlemen

I have the honourable but sad duty to give voice to the farewell of the Steering Committee of the Central European Group for Separation Sciences at the funeral of Professor Milan HUTTA.

A FAREWELL TO PROFESSOR MILAN HUTTA (July 18, 1955 – February 20, 2021)

IN HIS MEMORY

An eminent scientist and devoted teacher at university, Professor Milan HUTTA made substantial contributions to the field of separation sciences and analytical chemistry. His inaugural lecture on *Theoretical and practical aspects of the separation of humic substances by combined methods of liquid chromatography* given in 2012 evoked much attention. Milan HUTTA was appointed Professor of Analytical Chemistry by the President of the Slovak Republic in 2013, becoming the guarantor of the master and doctoral study programmes, as well as the habilitation and inauguration procedures in analytical chemistry at the Comenius University in Bratislava.

Professor Milan HUTTA was a great colleague and a good friend to many of us, with a kind and friendly personality, always available when someone asked for support and never short of a good word of encouragement for those around him.

As **representative of the Slovak Chemical Society at the Central European Group for Separation Sciences**, Professor Milan HUTTA developed a rich and fruitful scientific activity. His best remembered activity was the organization of the 24th International Symposium on Separation Sciences in Jasná – Low Tatras, in June 2018, organized with great commitment and much effort in such a beautiful place.

His colleagues and friends on the Steering Committee of the Central European Group for Separation Sciences greatly appreciated his personal qualities, skills, character and attitude.

The success of this symposium as well as the entire scientific activity and permanent cooperation of Professor Milan HUTTA were recognised by the Steering Committee of the Central European Group for Separation Sciences, awarding him with the Diploma and the Medal of Recognition of this Group at the next symposium held in Łódź, Poland, in September 2019.

We have lost a great man at a premature age when he was in the full force of scientific creation. With a rich professional experience, he would still have had many ideas to realize in science, teaching, mentoring and advising the young generation.

Without knowing this at that time, the Jasná Symposium was a kind of farewell to all of us. We will remember him from this special and memorable event, with his smiling face and warm voice when we said goodbye. We will all miss him very much.

Rest in peace! Now he will have a place on the “In Memoriam” section of the CEGSS website.

In deepest sadness, all members of the Steering Committee of the Central European Group for Separation Sciences express their sincere heartfelt condolences and sympathy to his colleagues and friends from the Comenius University in Bratislava, Faculty of Natural Sciences, Analytical Chemistry Department and particularly also to his family, so hard tried by this great loss. The family lost a very kind and lovely member, wise and profound, who has always been their support and advice.

Dear distinguished Professor Milan HUTTA, dear family members, dear colleagues and friends, the Steering Committee of the Central European Group for Separation Sciences says to you “**Goodbye**”. We will keep your memory alive.



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