

## 80<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY FOR PROF. IVAN SCHOPOV, DSC



On March 16, 2015, eighty years from the birth of Prof. Ivan Schopov were marked. Prof. Ivan Schopov is a prominent scientist in the field of polymer science with broad international recognition and fundamental merits for its development in Bulgaria. He is one of the pioneers in the research of electroactive polymers. Together with his co-workers he has synthesized a variety of polymers with conjugation and he has studied the correlation between their structure and specific properties. Very important are his contributions in studying the electric and magnetic properties of a new class of “segment polymers”, proposed by him.

He and his co-workers discovered a new “carbonyl-olephine” reaction enabling the production of various polymers with conjugation. It is important to note his research on destruction of polymers by singlet oxygen and its inhibition by poly-conjugated polymers.

Prof. Schopov is an author and co-author of more than 120 scientific papers, 23 Bulgarian and 4 international patents. He has been invited to deliver lectures in different universities around the world, in Germany, France, the United States, Japan, the United Kingdom, etc.

He has given lectures for undergraduate students in Bulgaria for 10 years. He has been invited lecturer in specialized training courses for students

in the Free University in West Berlin, the Technical University in Graz, Austria and the Max Planck Institute for Polymer Research in Mainz, Germany.

Prof. Schopov has had very intensive activity among the college of Bulgarian chemists. He has been very active member in the Union of Chemists in Bulgaria, being organizer of all its regular and traditional events. He was its president for ten years. He is the founder of the Bulgarian Polymer Society, a member of the European Polymer Federation.

He was very active as a member of the Union of Scientists in Bulgaria, being a member of its steering body.

Prof. Schopov played very important role for the association of the Bulgarian science in the structures of the European Union in the 1990s. He was national coordinator for all scientific programs for three years until the Bulgarian Ministry for Science and Education took its duties. Later he was Bulgarian representative in the Framework Programs 5, 6 and 7, as well as in the Program Committee of the “Marie Curie” program.

Prof. Ivan Schopov was a Head of the Institute of Polymers at the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences for the period of 1989 to 2003.

He is faithful to the best Bulgarian traditions for enhancement in science and education. He established in 2004 a personal prize for “Prominent young scientist” in the field of polymer science, annually awarded. It turned into one of the most valuable events for the Bulgarian polymer college.

His participation in new research projects, training and stimulation of young scientists and social activities does not stop.

Let us greet him cordially for his 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary and wish him much health and creative powers during the next decades.

*From the Union of Chemists in Bulgaria*

