

### In memoriam: Professor Ernest B. Yeager



Ernest B. Yeager, the Frank Hovorka Professor of Chemistry at Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland, Ohio, USA, died on March 8, 2002. Prof. Yeager was an Honorary Member of the Serbian Chemical Society and a Member of the Editorial Board of this journal.

To keep the memory of Professor Yeager's colossal contribution to electrochemistry and physical acoustics it is not necessary to dwell long on nearly 50 years of teaching at the Case Western Reserve University, advising 80 PhD thesis and 45 postdoctoral fellowships (domestic and international), 270 scientific papers and 20 books edited or co-edited.

Ernest B. Yeager graduated *summa cum laude* with his B.A. degree from Montclair State University in 1945. He enrolled as a graduate student in chemistry at Western Reserve University in 1945. After earning his Ph.D. in 1948, he joined the Department of Chemistry of the Case Western Reserve University, where he served until his retirement in 1990. He became a full professor in 1958.

Prof. Yeager founded the Case Center of Electrochemical Studies in 1976 which later become the Yeager Center of Electrochemical Sciences. The Center is one of the largest University research groups in the United States working in the field of electrochemistry. In 1994 the Center was rededicated in his honor as the Ernest B. Yeager Center for Electrochemical Sciences.

During his career he served as president of the Electrochemical Society 1963-66 and the International Society of Electrochemistry 1969-71, as well as vice president of the Acoustical Society of America.

Among the awards he received are the Acheson Medal and the Vittoria de Nora Medal – both from the Electrochemical Society. He also received the Biennial Award of the Acoustical Society of America and a Navy Certificate of Commendation, for work as a member of the committee on undersea warfare. Prof. Yeager's research and teaching made him internationally known. Yugoslav electrochemists, especially those from the Belgrade electrochemistry school, considered him not only an outstanding scientist,

but also a generous person. We enjoyed travelling with him through our country, listening to his lectures during his visits to Belgrade, having scientific, but also general discussions with him. The members of the Serbian Chemical Society recognized his warm feelings and were honored to have him as a friend. Those who had the privilege to work with him, to familiarize themselves with his huge scientific knowledge, also had the opportunity to familiarize themselves with a man of honor, simply a great man. We will mourn Prof. Yeager's death with the permanent feeling that a real personality has left us.

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