IN MEMORIAM

Prof. Dr. Jožef Rekecki (1930–2013)

As quietly as he had lived, on Saturday, January 26, after a long and grueling illness, died our esteemed Dr. Jožef Rekecki, Professor of the Faculty of Technical Sciences in Novi Sad.

Jožef Rekecki was born in 1930, in Kanjiža. He finished elementary school in Trešnjevac, gymnasium in Senta, and graduated from the Faculty of Mechanical Engineering in Belgrade, in 1956. In Budapest, 1975, he received Ph.D. degree.

Dr. Rekecki began his professional career in 1954, with the "Potisje" machine tool factory in Ada, first as a designer engineer, then head of the design department, and finally as managing director. Since 1964, he spent two years at Machine tools and cutting tools bureau in Novi Sad as the chief machine tool designer. His university career began in parallel, in 1965, when he took up teaching Machine tools at the Faculty of Mechanical Engineering in Novi Sad.

Starting as a part-time lecturer, and then, next year, entering the tenure track, Prof. Rekecki had 26 years of very fruitful university career. To meet the requirements of laboratory classes and research, he founded a modern equipped Laboratory for Machine Tools and contributed to development and promotion of young scientists. More than one hundred engineering bachelors, five MSc. and four Ph.D. candidates received their degrees under his guidance. He authored and co-authored eight books and over a hundred scientific and professional papers.

Professor Rekecki was a designer engineer of exquisite talent. His long career was strewn with remarkable professional achievements. Prior to joining the Faculty, he had completed a number of projects related to development of novel machine tool designs and devices. During his university career, Prof. Rekecki managed a large number of research projects, either within the Laboratory for machine Tools or within the special development bureau, IPM-POTISJE PROJEKT, located at the Institute for Manufacturing Engineering, which he helped establish. This effort resulted in design solutions which were incorporated in the most advanced machine tools of that time manufactured by POTISJE, Ada, Livnica KIKINDA, Kikinda, MAJEVICA, Bačka Palanka, POBEDA-IMO, Novi Sad, and successfully sold on domestic market and abroad.

Besides being head of Laboratory for Machine Tools, Prof. Rekecki also performed duties of the head of chair, Institute director, and vice-dean for research at the Faculty of Technical Sciences.

For his fruitful and dedicated work, Prof. Rekecki received numerous awards: Order of Labour with silver wreath, Vojvodina Liberation Award, Charter and Plaque Prof. Dr. Pavle Stanković, Charter and Plaque of the Faculty of Technical Sciences, University of Novi Sad, Life Award Gold Plaque, etc.

The retirement in 1990 did not mean giving up his work. Prof. Rekecki continued to be a valuable advisor and consultant to his younger colleagues and took part in everyday research and professional activities at the Faculty, Institute, and his Laboratory for Machine Tools.

Respecting the wish of Prof. Rekecki, his earthly remains were buried without prior announcement, on January 29, in the presence of his family, relatives and closest friends.

We, his associates, colleagues, former students, and admirers of his devoted work, shall always hold Professor Jožef Rekecki in dear memory.