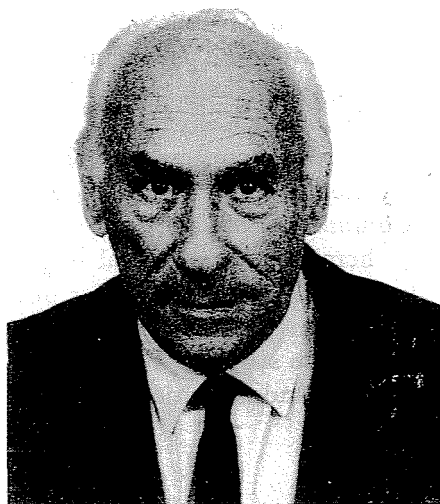


PROFESSOR GYÖRGY VARSÁNYI



György Varsányi was born in 1921. He took his matriculation examinations in Budapest in 1939 but could start his University studies only in February, 1945 in Szeged. He continued his studies in chemistry partly in Budapest and partly in Szeged, where he graduated as a chemist in January 1948 and received the Ph. D. degree in July in the same year. He joined the Faculty of Chemical Engineering of the Technical University, Budapest in 1948 as an assistant lecturer. He was appointed senior lecturer in 1949, reader in 1953 and full Professor in 1960. In 1956-1958 he was vice-Dean, in 1958-1963 Dean of the Faculty. From 1965 to 1986 he was Head of the Institute for Physical Chemistry of the Technical University, Budapest. In 1954-1980 he held a part-time position leading a department, later as scientific adviser of the Central Research Institute for Chemistry of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences. From 1980 he was scientific adviser of the Research Laboratory of Inorganic Chemistry.

He received the C.Sc. degree in 1955, the D.Sc. degree in 1961 from the Hungarian Academy of Sciences.

In 1972-73 Professor Varsányi was UNESCO adviser in Morocco, in 1990 a visiting professor at the Technion in Haifa.

His scientific interest is in absorption spectroscopy. After working in the field of ultraviolet spectroscopy, he was the first in Hungary to deal with the electronic-vibration (vibronic) spectra of aromatic compounds, starting

in 1949, as an outside researcher of the Research Institute for Natural Oil. From 1957 he studied pure vibration spectra. His comprehensive monograph on the vibration spectra of benzene derivatives was published by Akadémiai Kiadó Budapest in 1969. His spectrum atlas including the assignation of the spectra of 700 benzene derivatives appeared in 1973 as a joint publication of Hilger Ltd. and Akadémiai Kiadó. The monograph entitled Introduction to Physical Chemistry edited by Professor Varsányi was published in 1983 by Műszaki Könyvkiadó.

Since 1983 Varsányi has been concerned with ESCA studies with main emphasis on the investigation of solid surfaces. He is National Representative in the respective Commission of IUPAC.

He read physical chemistry to chemical engineering students from 1951 to 1991, selected chapters of the subject for post graduate students. He wrote several textbooks on physical chemistry and selected chapters for graduate and post graduate student. He published over 100 papers on spectroscopy and on classical and statistical thermodynamics.