

Professor Petru Ilea on his 65th Anniversary



Professor Petru Ilea was born on the 23rd of April 1953. In 1977 he graduated from Technical University of Timisoara as a chemical engineer. He received his PhD degree in chemical engineering in 1994, under the supervision of the distinguished Professor Liviu Oniciu.

As Teaching Assistant (1987), Assistant Professor (1990), Associate Professor (2000) and Professor (2005) at the Faculty of Chemistry and Chemical Engineering Cluj-Napoca, Petru Ilea introduced and developed the electrochemical engineering and electrochemical technology programs in the undergraduate and graduate curricula at our faculty. His courses were appreciated by both undergraduate and graduate students. He focused his research efforts in the domains of electrochemical engineering and technology. At the same time, the environmental applications of electrochemistry were among the most fruitful scientific preoccupations of Professor Petru Ilea.

In addition to over 80 scientific papers, Professor Petru Ilea also co-authored 3 books and managed numerous grants and research projects. He counts more than 110 participations to scientific conferences with lectures, posters and oral communications. The research grants he coordinated, substantially contributed to the development of electrochemical engineering and technology at “Babeş-Bolyai” University.

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It is worth mentioning, that starting with 2006 Professor Petru Ilea is the head of the Physical-Chemical Analysis Center at the Institute of Interdisciplinary Research in Bio-Nano-Sciences of University “Babes-Bolyai” Cluj-Napoca.

Professor Petru Ilea was one of the founders of the Doctoral School of Chemical Engineering at our faculty and he was its head starting with 2017.

Professor Petru Ilea was a very active member of the academic community. He has served as Chancellor of Faculty of Chemistry and Chemical Engineering (2000-2009). During several years (2000-2016) he was an active member of the Faculty Council. Since 2007 he is an active member of CNADTCU/Engineering Sciences (Division of Chemical engineering, medical engineering, material and nanomaterials science).

This issue of *Studia Universitatis Babeş-Bolyai, Seria Chemia* wishes to honor Professor Petru Ilea and to recognize his achievements within the academic community. The intention of the editors was to bring together contributions from his co-workers, scientists that have close professional contact with him and those working intensively in the field of chemical engineering and technology.

Now, at this anniversary moment, we – the colleagues of the Electrochemistry group, as well as all the colleagues and researchers of the Faculty of Chemistry and Chemical Engineering of the “Babeş-Bolyai” University, express Professor Petru Ilea their appreciation for his entire activity, along with the best wishes for a long life of successful future achievements!

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