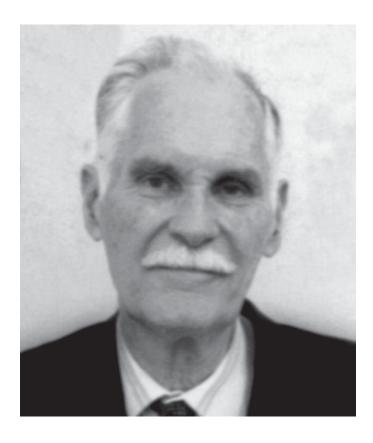
## Dusan B. Djuric



**Dusan B. Djuric**, born 1926, passed away on September 11, 2009, in Belgrade, Serbia; he started his career graduating in 1953 as a Chemical Engineer then obtained his Doctor of Science degree in 1958, at the University of Zagreb, Croatia (ex-Yugoslavia) while he was working as a Chief of the Toxicology Unit in the Institute of Occupational Hygiene in Zagreb.

Until his retirement in 1991 he worked in the Institute of Occupational and Radiological Health in Belgrade, Serbia as Chief of Department of Toxicology and Biochemistry and since 1970 as a Scientific Advisor where in 1962 he founded the first Radio-Toxicological Laboratory in Belgrade.

In 1961 he spent a year at the University of Rochester, NY, USA on the postgraduate specialization of Radio-Toxicology and then he passed the examination for Specialist in Occupational Toxicology at the University of Belgrade. Also he obtained the specialization in Radio-Toxicology in Nuclear Institute in Fontenau-aux-Ruses, France.

Dr. Djuric largely contributed as a Principal Investigator in over ten years long project with US PHS on studies on CS<sub>2</sub> toxicology and eco-toxicology (Lead Contamination of the Environment in Meza Valley, Slovenia).

Dusan was continuously being invited as WHO and ILO expert in Occupational Toxicology, Occupational Health, Occupational Hygiene and Safety to assignments in different developing countries in a period between one and twelve months (Algeria, Egypt, Sudan, Lebanon, Syria, Burma, Thailand, India, Bahrain, Sri Lanka, Vietnam, China and Indonesia).

One of his contributions was a leading, organizing and managing direction of eight consecutive International Courses of Occupational and Environmental Toxicology for Developing Countries held in Belgrade biyearly between 1975 and 1990 with over 170 participants from abroad.

Dr. Djuric published over 160 scientific papers in national and international journals, participated as speaker to numerous international and national congresses, symposia and scientific meetings and wrote as an author and co-author a couple of books and many articles and practical booklets in the fields of Occupational Toxicology, Environmental (Eco) Toxicology, Radio-Toxicology, Toxicology of Pesticides he was passionately committed to through many decades of his professional life.

He devoted the large part of his career to teaching as a lecturer of Toxicology on Postgraduate courses for masters and doctors. Dr. Dusan Djuric was a member of the Permanent Commission in International Association of Occupational Health (1963-1983, Secretary and Chairman of the Scientific Committee on Occupational Health in Production of Artificial Fibers), member of WHO Advisory Panel of Experts in Occupational Health, WHO, Geneva, Switzerland since 1978 and from 1988 elected member of Collegium Ramazzini, later as Emeritus Fellow.

Dusan enjoyed helping colleagues and postgradu-

ates with right advice, proper recommendation and with distinctive relationship he managed to be always innovative, spreading a good spirit and sense of specific humor. He will be deeply missed, not only by the organizations that he served, his Institute and department, but by his wife Ljudmila as his "spiritus movens", his son and especially his five grandchildren whom he was proud of and who will remember him as great character and beloved person.

**Petar Bulat**