



Lajos Skrapits

In January 2016, we suddenly received the bad news that Dr. Lajos Skrapits passed away. The editorial office thus asked Dr. Zsuzsanna Rajkovits, under help from Martin, to write this memorial article of Dr. Skrapits.

Skrapits Lajos was a lecturer at Eötvös University, Budapest, Hungary. He worked at the Department of General Physics, dealing with teaching education. His former students work as physics teachers in many schools throughout the country.

He gave lectures on experimental physics for more than 30 years placing emphasis on showing a lot of demonstration experiments. Many generations of Hungarian physics teachers learnt the competence of teaching profession, particularly the competence of physical demonstration from him. As his former student, I can confirm he was a professional experimenter and an excellent teacher.

He was the co-author of three physics textbooks written for the university students and published many articles on methodology of physics teaching.

It was Lajos Skrapits who initiated that Hungarian secondary school students take part in IYPT and so they did for the first time on the 2nd IYPT in Moscow, Olimpiet, in 1989. Together with Andzej Nadolny (Poland) and the also deceased Zdenek Kluiber (Czech Republic) they represented the international leaders of the Tournament. For 17 years from then he continuously prepared students in Hungary and participated with them in Tournaments working in the jury and taking part in discussions developing the competition.

Lajos was also a poet, he published three anthologies in old Croatian, his native language. In these books we can also find beautiful translations of some popular Hungarian poems. Because of his positive character and open mind, he soon became the centre of any company. Lajos had lot friends all over the world.

His passing is a great loss for all of us.

May he rest in peace!

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