

LAUDATIO FOR LADISLAV REINPRECHT Professor, Ing. CSc.



People fill the life of each institution with their work and activities. They are a permanent part of our collective work. However, the opposite is true. In August of this year, we will say goodbye to Professor Ladislav Reinprecht, who, after 45 long years of active work at the Faculty of Wood Sciences and Technology at the Technical University in Zvolen, is leaving for a well-deserved rest.

Ladislav Reinprecht was born on 2 May 1953 in Podbrezová, Czechoslovakia. In the years 1968-1971, he studied at the Secondary General-Education School in Zvolen. Subsequently, he studied organic chemistry at the Faculty of Chemistry and Technology at the Slovak University of Technology in Bratislava. After passing the final State Examination and defending a Master thesis with the topic "The Synthesis and Study of Properties of 2-(5-nitro-2-furyl)-2-oxoethylarylsulphides", he was awarded the academic title Master of Science (Ing. – MSc.) in 1976.

Ladislav first worked in the enterprise Tesla Banská Bystrica as a developer of paintings from 1976 to 1978. Since 1978, his professional life has been significantly related to the Faculty of Wood Sciences and Technology. In 1981, as an internal aspirant, he defended his dissertation thesis with the topic "Study of the Modified Melamine-formaldehyde Impregnation Resins with the Aim of Time-shortening of the Particleboard Lamination Procedures." He received the scientific-academic degree Candidate of Sciences (CSc. – PhD.) in Wood Technology. In 1985-1986, he completed postgraduate studies in the field of Mycology and Science of Fungi at the Faculty of Natural Sciences of Charles University in Prague in defense of the thesis entitled "Deterioration of Wood by Microscopic Fungi." In the years 1980-1989, as a scientific worker at the Faculty of Wood Sciences and Technology, he intensively participated in more scientific, research and teaching activities, mainly in wood deterioration and wood protection. Ladislav, in 1990 became a teacher. In 1991 he obtained a scientific-pedagogical degree Associate professor after defending the habilitation thesis "The Questions of Wood Deterioration and Preservation", and in 1998 after the inauguration process the President of the Slovak Republic awarded him a Professor degree in the scientific field "Wood Engineering."

At present, Ladislav is the guarantor and lecturer of three courses in the Bachelor and Master study programs at the Faculty of Wood Sciences and Technology: "Wood Protection," "Wood Modification," and "Reconstruction of Wooden Objects," and of two courses in the PhD. study program: "Protection of Wood and Wood Products" and "Protection of Timber Structures." In the past, he was a guarantor of the Master study program: "Wood Engineering" and a co-guarantor of the PhD study program: "Wood Processing Technology." Ladislav acted as a chairman, member, and opponent for habilitation and inaugural proceedings and for awarding scientific degrees CSc. and PhD. He was the supervisor of 42 Bachelor theses and 102 Master theses and supervised 14 PhD. students in the Slovak Republic, one PhD. student in the Czech Republic, and now one more PhD. student is supervised by him.

The scientific and research activities of Ladislav are continuously focused on: a) the wood deterioration by decaying fungi, molds, and atmospheric factors; b) the wood

durability; c) the wood and wooden composites protection by biocides; d) the thermal and chemical modification of wood; e) the diagnosis, sterilization, conservation, reconstruction, and maintenance of damaged wood elements and structures. Ladislav was the principal investigator and coordinator of 14 scientific research projects and participated in resolving about 100 projects. He was responsible for 8 VEGA projects, 2 APVV projects, the primary coordinator for Slovakia of 1 Eureka project, and 4 COST projects. He holds three copyright certificates. Ladislav is or was a member of international cooperations within Ecovast, Erasmus, COST, and IRG (International Research Group) of Wood Protection. He has worked mainly in the field of wood biological damage, wood materials, chemical protection of wood, wood modification, and rescue of wooden cultural monuments. For almost 30 years, he has been a forensic expert in the fields of biological degradation, defectoscopy, and protection of wood products. At the Faculty of Wood Sciences and Technology, Ladislav organized symposia "Reconstruction and Conservation of Historical Wood" (1991-1999) and "Wood-degrading Fungi" (1997-2013).

Ladislav is an author or co-author of 491 publications (13 scientific monographs, 12 scientific or professional books, seven university textbooks; 58 original scientific papers in international and domestic peer-reviewed CC journals, e.g., *Holzforschung*, *European Journal of Wood and Wood Products*, *Journal of Photochemistry and Photobiology*, *Cellulose Chemistry and Technology*, *BioResources*, *Journal of Fungi*, *Forests*, *Molecules*, *Applied Sciences*, *Biology*, *Mycology*; 104 original scientific papers in Scopus and Web of Science registered or other peer-reviewed journals; 242 conference papers; 55 professional papers). Some of his books and scientific monographs were published abroad, e.g., in the UK, Russia, Czech Republic, and Iran. The book "Wood Deterioration, Protection, and Maintenance" was published in 2016 by John Wiley & Sons (UK and USA), and it was translated into the Persian language by Teheran University in 2019. Ladislav has 1511 registered citations for its publication outputs, of which 880 are in publications registered in the Web of Science or Scopus.

Ladislav closely collaborated in his research with Professors Dionýz Horský, Anton Osvald, Juraj Mahút, Rastislav Solár, Ivan Makovíny, František Kačík, and with Associate professors and Master of Science Eva Jeloková, Zuzana Vidholdová, Miloš Pánek, Ján Iždinský, and Janetta Kapustová. Ladislav Reinprecht has two children with his wife Viera: daughter Judith and son Michael, and also four grandchildren: Martin, Sofia, Filip and Jacoub. He actively played tennis in Lokomotíva Zvolen, Slavia Bratislava, Slovan Sliach, and TU Zvolen, at which he also enjoyed cycling, swimming, and cross-country skiing in his free time.

For several years, Ladislav has been an active member of the editorial board and a permanent contributor to the scientific journal *Acta Facultatis Xylogiae Zvolen*. He is a recognized expert in the field of wood protection in Slovakia, as well as abroad. Ladislav was given the Rector's Award of the Technical University in Zvolen and the Dean's Award of the Faculty of Wood Sciences and Technology for publishing activities. These awards reflect his immense tenacity and perseverance. He is a person who devotes himself entirely to his work, not only during the working day but many times in his free time at home. Ladislav gives everything to his work, research, teaching, and writing publications. In them, he presents his expertise and professionalism. In the workplace, he has a personal humanity and typical humor. We perceive him as a person with an exemplary combination of professionalism, diligence, and society. Thank you for this example and your valuable advice and guidance.

Dear Professor, we wish you good health, love, and happiness in the coming days. On behalf of staff of the Department of Wood Technologies – Technical University in Zvolen.

Ing. Zuzana Vidholdová, PhD.