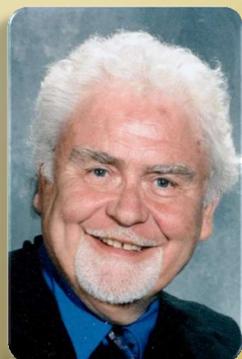


In honor of whom we lost since HPTLC 2014 in Lyon

The pope of understanding!

Dr. Friedrich Geiss, Italy
25.02.1932 - 14.02.2015



- Defined terms, created understanding and turned the trial and error approach into a scientific and sound methodology
- Author of *Fundamentals of Thin Layer Chromatography (Planar Chromatography)* 1987, Russian version 1989, German version 1972, Japanese version 1980 ...
- Invention of the Vario KS Chamber with his team, whose successor is frequently in use for optimizations
- Awardee of the Tswett Medal in 2002
- Author of numerous papers and books in the area of chemistry and of several books related to societal and political matters

India's top pharmaceutical hands-on analyst!

Dr. P. D. Sethi, India
18.11.1936 - 26.09.2015



- India's first Government Scientist who realized the potential of HPTLC in 1985; Former Director of Central Indian Pharmacopeia Lab and Central Drug Testing Lab
- Set up QTLC method for analysis of birth control pills in 1987 (analyzed 10000 samples/a)
- Member of several Government Committees for pharmaceutical analysis and herbal product standardization
- A primary force to adopt fingerprinting for herbal medicines as a first choice in India
- 13 books on pharmaceutical analysis including three volumes on multi drug formulation analysis by TLC/HPTLC methods and one on Content Uniformity Testing by HPTLC

The creator of fundamentals in retention!

Prof. Dr. Edward Soczewiński, Poland
04.09.1928 - 12.12.2016



- Author of 333 book chapters and papers as well as of many patents (*e. g.*, for production of cadmium oxide, chelidonine, protopine and chambers)
- Research on the molecular model of retention in normal phase systems, *e. g.*, Soczewiński equation in *Anal. Chem.* 41 (1969) 179
- Coauthor of Soczewiński-Wachtmeister equation used in QSAR investigations
- Editorial Board Member of chromatographic journals
- Awardee of many prizes and distinctions, *e. g.*, Officers and Chevalier's of the Polonia Restituta Order, Golden Cross of Merit of Poland, Tswett Medal and *doctor honoris causa* of Medical Academy of Lublin

The main inventor of OPLC!

Prof. Dr. Ernő Tyihák, Hungary
29.01.1933 - 13.02.2017



- Author of more than 200 papers and 25 patents, mainly on OPLC
- Inventor of ultramicro chamber in 1971
- Co-inventor of pressurized ultramicro chamber and OPLC, *J. Chromatogr.* 174 (1979) 75
- Invention of BioArena a complex bioautographic system and the discovery of the role of formaldehyde in the biological systems, *Chem. Anal. (Warsaw)* 48 (2003) 543
- Editorial Board Member of *Journal of Planar Chromatography* and Honorary Board Member of Hungarian Society for Separation Sciences
- Awardee of many prizes and distinctions, *e. g.*, Győző Bruckner, Károly Than and Hormesis Awards, Honorary Professor at the Szeged University, Golden Diploma of Budapest Technical University