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Professor Ivan Krastev, 4 September 1946. - 27 October 2020.

Official obituary from the European Academy of Surface Technology

Our European representative from Bulgaria Professor Ivan Krastev passed away on 27 October 2020. During his long career in surface technology he covered the full range from basic research of nucleation and single crystal growth over structure formation and properties of electrodeposited metals and alloys to development and practical application in numerous industrial plants. In 2016, he received the Marin Drinov Medal with ribbon, the highest distinction awarded by the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences. He was strongly dedicated to international cooperation and the activities of EAST and was a frequent visitor to Schwäbisch Gmünd. We have lost an engaged colleague and dear friend.

From 2010 Professor Krastev became Assistant Editor in our journal ZAŠTITA MATERIJALA / MATERIALS PROTECTION and since then he was putting a lot of efforts to increase the scientific level of our journal by inspiring his colleagues to publish their work in our journal.

I had a privilege to become Ivan's close friend after I first time met him at the EAST Meeting in 2005. Among seeing each other at each EAST Meeting as representatives of our countries, we found mutual interest in electrochemical deposition of alloys with spatio-temporal structures and I had a privilege to visit his laboratory at the Institute of Physical Chemistry Bulgarian Academy of Science several times, where we, together with his students, performed experiments in this field. The results of this collaboration are several papers published in eminent electrochemistry journals. His hospitality is something that I will never forget, since we had many nice moments during my visits to Sofia.

Dr. Vladimir Jović