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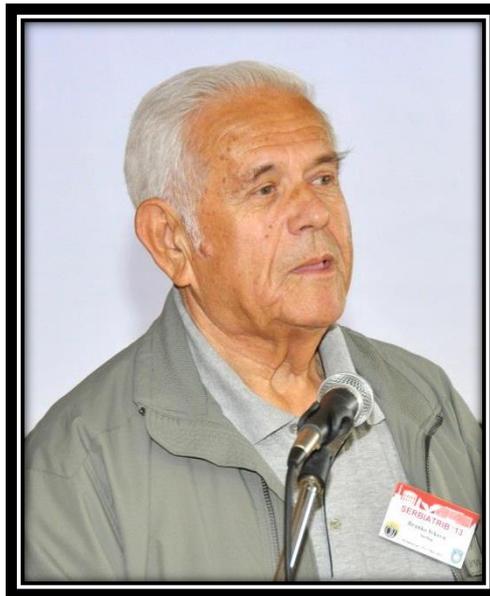
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In Memoriam

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Professor BRANKO IVKOVIĆ
(November 10, 1931 - April 11, 2016)

On April 2016, in early afternoon, silently, Professor Branko Ivković, our beloved and respected colleague and professor, passed away following a short illness. Associates and employees of Faculty of Engineering (formerly Faculty of Mechanical Engineering) lost their devoted friend, outstanding scientist, respected professor, and respected manager, strikethrough. It is a sad truth that he left forever, leaving his family, friends, colleagues and his faculty and city of Kragujevac. He left for us his generosity, humanity and his successes in education of number of generation of students, his academic and scientific results as great legacy.

Professor Branko Ivković, was born on November 10, 1931 in Kragujevac. He finished elementary and high school in Kragujevac. Until 1954, he was engaged as a technician in tool design in number military industry institutions. He studied at Faculty of Mechanical Engineering, Belgrade, and graduated in 1960, at department for general engineering with a main subject Tool machines and industrial production.

Since 1960, he has worked, in "Crvena zastava" as the leader of technology group, facility manager and manager of technical department. In 1961, he was part time assistant and in 1964,

part time lecturer for Mechanical processing course at Faculty of Mechanical Engineering in Belgrade, Department in Kragujevac. In 1966 he was elected as the full time lecturer, for the same course, in 1968, for assistant professor, and in 1972 for associate professor. He defended his PhD thesis, entitled "Definition of wearing condition of cylindrical milling" on March 5th, 1970 at the Faculty of Mechanical Engineering, Belgrade, Department in Kragujevac. He became full time professor in 1976 at the Faculty of Mechanical Engineering in Kragujevac for the following courses: Tribology and Metal cutting. He worked at the Faculty of Mechanical Engineering until October 1st, 1997.

It is very hard to summarize long and successful biography of Professor Branko Ivković, the Elder for all his younger associates. All of his associates and co workers, had the patron, friend, professor and mentor in the first place, the supportive person on professional paths of all of us.

During his professional carrier at the Faculty (1966-1997), Professor Branko Ivković, made outstanding contribution in quality improvement of educational and research process, development of younger researchers, development of laboratories and other capacities of the Faculty.

He developed wide range of scientific and educational disciplines in the field of mechanical engineering, especially emphasizing three different "schools": Metal cutting, Tribology and Productivity recognised not only in the country but throughout the wide area of Former Yugoslavia and even on European and World level.

As the vice dean for education and students affairs, Professor Branko Ivković, was one of the establishers of prestigious post graduated studies at Faculty of Mechanical Engineering, improving scientific research in the region and country. At the post-graduate level, Professor Ivkovic was the mentor in 20 PhD theses. He also actively participated in number of committees at all Faculties in the country and number of countries abroad.

Professor Branko Ivković was project manager and participant in number of scientific and

research projects at regional and national level in the field of production engineering, as well as number of international projects. Professor Branko Ivkovic was the founder and editor in chief of international journal "Tribology in industry".

Professor Branko Ivković was responsible for development and building of 8.000 m² of classrooms and offices. Only Professor Ivković was able to manage such project and to deal with financing, building and equipping of modern buildings of Faculty of Mechanical Engineering.

Professor Branko Ivković was successful at many different professional positions, tasks and roles: for 20 years he was the president of national jury for metal workers competitions; member of Serbian Chamber of Commerce; president of organization of mechanical engineering of Yugoslavia. He was dean of the faculty twice, vice dean for education and students affairs, president of Council, chief of Department for production engineering, Manager of laboratory for metal cutting and tribology...

For his professional successes he was awarded with number of professional recognitions, diplomas, medals... In 1975 he was awarded with Golden medal for professional work.

He was a person with firm beliefs and moral principles, hard working, tireless, with high professional and scientific knowledge, fast and fair, dedicated to his work full of energy and always on the right spot.

Life and work of Professor Ivković could be placed on the very short list of persons who will be always remembered by his contribution to the development of not only in technical science but of society at large. Faculty and all employees could be proud for having Professor Ivković as the colleague and friend. His legacy as a professor, manager, friend and colleague will be sign and directions to all of his co-workers and friends.

He left us but we will always remember him as humble, hardworking, honest and outstanding and remarkable person.