

## A short biography of **GYörgy BAZSA**

He was born in Debrecen in 1940. He graduated from the Lajos Kossuth University in 1963 with honours degree in chemistry. He became a lecturer in the Department of Physical Chemistry and received his university professor appointment in 1990 after obtaining the degree doctor of chemical sciences from the Hungarian Academy of Sciences (HAS).

Between 1990 and 1998 he was the head of the department. Since 2010 he is Professor Emeritus.

He performed a variety of educational tasks at the department, it held the main college of Physical Chemistry for nearly a quarter of a century.

He continued research in various fields of reaction kinetics like formation of metal complexes, photographic development, exotic kinetic phenomena (autocatalysis, oscillation, reaction fronts etc.) More than half a hundred scientific communication was published.

Several of his colleagues obtained dr. univ., candidate, resp. PhD degree under his supervision.

He has been on a study trips abroad, including Max Planck Institute of Biophysical Chemistry in Göttingen, an academic year at Brandeis University, Waltham, Massachusetts.

He was deputy Dean, Dean (Faculty of Science) of Kossuth University, then deputy Rector (1990–1995) and Rector (1995–1999). He took an intensive role in preparation of the integrated University of Debrecen. He has held several significant positions in Hungarian higher education: founding president of the National Doctoral and the Habilitation Council, president of the Hungarian Rectors' Conference, the Higher Education and Science Council, the Hungarian Accreditation Committee for many years. In one term, he was elected member of the Presidium of HAS.

He contributed as an expert in several important European higher education organizations: the European University Association (formerly European Rectors' Conference), European Center for Strategic Management of Universities (ESMU), European Association for Quality Assurance in Higher Education (ENQA).

He was also given public duties and took on such roles: in one cycle, the Parliament, the Hajdú-Bihar county, resp. he was a member of the Debrecen City Assembly.

His work has also been recognized with numerous honours. For example, Outstanding Worker in Education for Youth, *Pro Universitate* Commemorative Medal (Kossuth University and University of Debrecen), Hungarian Order of Merit of the Republic, Pro Scientia Award (HAS Debrecen Committee), Doctor Honoris Causa (Kiev National Shevchenko University). But he is particularly proud to be elected or re-elected by secret ballot in these positions.