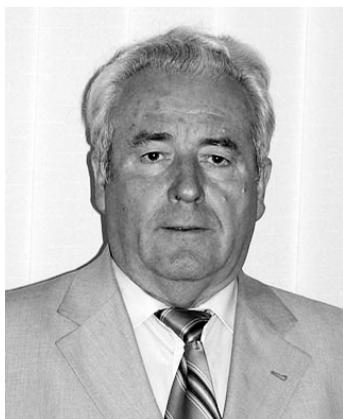


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## PROFESSOR VICTOR YAVORSKY – 45 YEARS HEAD OF THE DEPARTMENT

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During its 170-year history, Lviv Polytechnic National University gave a birth to a galaxy of scientists, teachers, and outstanding personalities. They made a significant contribution to science and technology, raised University's high status and pride. Among them is Victor Yavorsky, Professor, Doctor of Technical Sciences, Honorary Professor at Lviv Polytechnic National University and Ukrainian State Chemical-Technological University, a member of the Academy of Engineering Sciences of Ukraine and Ukrainian Ecological Academy of Sciences, a recognized scholar, teacher and an active public figure. He has spent more than 60 years at the University. He created the Department of Chemistry and Technology of Inorganic Substances and for 45 consecutive years has been a Chair of this Department (the Book of Records of Ukraine, Category "Science, educational activities» № 33 / 02-02692, October 25, 2011).

Already at the age of 32, young V. Yavorsky, PhD, persuaded the Rector of Lviv Polytechnic National University Prof. G.I. Denisenko as well as leadership of the Ministry of Education of the feasibility and great need for a Department of Inorganic Technology. This department was established by the Ministry of Education

(№ 628 from October 13, 1969) and by order of the Lviv Polytechnic Institute number 1777 of December 22, 1969. V. Yavorsky, a student of the famous Academician V.I. Atroschenko, was a very enthusiastic organizer, a talented scientist with an extraordinary intuition. He showed limitless energy and efficiency and became a real scientific leader. Therefore he was able to unite talented students-enthusiasts from among engineers and technicians of Sulfur and Potash industries. These branches were extensively developing on the basis of powerful Carpathian deposits and created numerous diverse scientific and engineering problems that needed immediate solving. In a relatively short period of time V. Yavorsky's students were able to develop numbers of efficient technological processes, which were implemented in technological production, and offered ways to step up and improve existing production processes. V. Yavorsky organized a scientific school of Problems of Sulfur and its compounds – the only school of its kind, well-known in Ukraine and abroad, that continues to thrive.

Victor Yavorsky comes from a famous family. His family – Yavorsky's kin – reaches antiquity. In 1431, the Yavorsky's received the nobility from the hands of the King Wladyslaw Jagiello of Poland. A family environment had a great influence on the formation of the outlook of the future scientist and teacher. The Yavorsky's gave western Ukraine a number of notable figures: his father's brother, Viktor was a Director of Rostov bank in 1910–1917; the second brother Ivan – a superintendent of Turka and Skole districts of Lviv region; his father Theophilus was an educated man that graduated from high school and spoke several foreign languages.

There are several extraordinary details in Prof. Yavorsky's biography that clearly distinguish him from his compeers: Victor was the best chemist and

mathematician of Turka high school, the best chess player of its province. He graduated with a medal from high school at the age of 16. Being only 16 years old he worked as a teacher of mathematics and chemistry. He graduated with honors from Lviv Polytechnic Institute in 1959, and it took him only 2.5 years to earn a Ph.D. degree from the Kharkiv Polytechnic Institute (in 1966). At the age of 32 he became a Head of the Department, and at 34 – the Dean of the Faculty. At the age of 36 he became a full Professor, Doctor of Science. His first PhD

student defended the Thesis when V. Yavorsky was only 32 years old (in 1969). When he was 46 years old – the first Doctorate Thesis was successfully defended under his supervision. To date, he is the author of 7 original books, 2 monographs, 3 manuals, more than 750 scientific papers, 140 inventions, 120 methodologies. He supervised 6 doctors and 46 candidates of science. Professor V. Yavorsky's fruitful work has been numerously awarded; since 2006 he has been a recipient of the State Grant for eminent scientists.