

Velibor Marinković (1929-2000)

Velibor Marinković died on 12 October 2000. He studied chemistry at the Faculty for Natural Sciences and Mathematics at the University of Ljubljana, where he graduated in 1953 and proceeded to obtain his PhD in 1959. He started his scientific career at the Jožef Stefan Institute, where he became involved with electron microscopy as early as 1954 and where he soon founded the first laboratory for electron microscopy in Slovenia. After spending a year at the solid-state physics department of the Nuclear Center in Mol, Belgium, he remained dedicated to the microstructural investigation of inorganic materials, defects, phase transitions in alloys, thin films, low-dimensional compounds and modulated structures. His main field of interest was transmission electron microscopy and diffraction, and lately scanning tunneling microscopy. He published over 150 papers and had contributions at numerous international conferences. In addition to research, he was actively involved in teaching at the Faculty for Natural Sciences and Engineering of the University of Ljubljana, where he was elected a full professor in 1986. He taught at the undergraduate and graduate levels physical metallurgy, structure and properties of materials, crystallography, and surface physics and chemistry. Many theses in the fields of physics and material science were successfully completed under his supervision.

Professor Marinković was a private but well respected individual, an excellent scientist and an outstanding teacher. He was a man with broad scientific knowledge and insight who was always willing to share these attributes with colleagues and students. Research and teaching occupied his entire life and he remained dedicated to both until the end. It was his job, his passion and his lifestyle, which he continued with as long as he was able to make the few steps to his office.

We have lost a scientist, a teacher and a friend. We will all miss him.

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European Crystallography Prize

The European Crystallographic Association (ECA) invites nominations for the second European Crystallography Prize to recognize a significant achievement or discovery in crystallography in the past 5–10 years. Nominees should be affiliated or identified with the European crystallographic community, as broadly defined in the charter of the ECA (see the ECA-news site <http://www.ba.cnr.it/eca/>).

The prize, including a monetary award and certificate of recognition, will be

awarded at the opening ceremony of the 20th European Crystallography Meeting (ECM-20) to be held in Krakow, Poland, 25–31 August 2001. The first prize was awarded to Professor Ada Yonath of the Weizmann Institute of Science in Israel at the ECM-19 in Nancy, France, in August 2000 for ‘her pioneering achievements in structural studies on the ribosome’.

Nominations for the prize should include a statement of the contribution for which the prize is to be awarded, a 2–3 page curriculum vitae of the nominee and the signature of at least three additional nominators, preferably with supporting nominating letters. They should postmarked no later than 28 February 2001 and should be sent to: Professor Davide Viterbo, Dip. di Chimica IFM, Università di Torino, Via P. Giuria 7, I-10125 Torino, Italy.

Professor K. Banerjee Endowment Lecture Silver Medal

Professor John R. Helliwell is the first recipient of the ‘Professor K. Banerjee Endowment Lecture Silver Medal’ of the Indian Association for the Cultivation of Science (IACS), and which was awarded to him after his lecture entitled ‘New opportunities in biological and chemical crystallography’ given at the IACS in Calcutta on the 19 September 2000. An article based on his lecture is to appear in the *Indian Journal of Physics*.