



Stanko Popović (1938-2020)

Stanko Popović was born in Čitluk, Croatia, in 1938. He graduated Experimental physics from the Physics Department, Faculty of Science, University of Zagreb (UniZg), Croatia in 1961, where he obtained the MSc degree in 1965, and PhD in Physics in 1968. In the period 1961–1987 he worked at the Ruđer Bošković Institute, Zagreb, where he was promoted to Senior Scientist in 1979. At the Ruđer Bošković Institute, he was the Head of the X-ray Laboratory. In 1987 he was elected to the position of Full Professor at the Physics Department, Faculty of Science (UniZg). From 1996 till retirement in 2008 he held a Permanent Full Professor position at the same Faculty. In 2011 he was appointed Professor Emeritus. Since 2004 he was a full member of the Croatian Academy of Sciences and Arts.

Professor Popović specialized at the Metallurgy Department, University of Manchester, and was a visiting professor at the Slovak Academy of Sciences, Bratislava, and at Martin Luther University, Halle.

Within his long scientific career, his interest was crystallography, solid-state physics, solid-state chemistry, general physics, powder X-ray diffraction, electron microscopy and spectroscopy. His work resulted in 255 scientific papers and he presented over 250 contributions at scientific meetings, including 35 invited lectures (2nd European Crystallographic Meeting, Keszthely, 1974, 1st European Crystallographic School, Pavia, 2014; 29th European Crystallographic Meeting, Rovinj, 2015, and others).

Stanko Popović was member and chair of organizing and scientific committees of many international meetings such as the European Crystallographic Meetings, (ECM13 and ECM29) and the European Powder Diffraction Conferences (EPDIC11, EPDIC12). He was a member of the European Powder Diffraction Conferences council (2001–2012). He was chair of many Croatian–Slovenian Crystallographic meetings.

A lot of energy and enthusiasm he gave into international confirmation of the Croatian Crystallographic Association (CCA), where he was secretary (1992–2006) and president (2006–2017). He was the delegate of CCA during the acceptance of CCA to the International Union of Crystallography and the European Crystallographic Association in 1992.