

PROFESSOR VOLODYMYR STARCHEVSKYY – 60TH ANNIVERSARY*Michael Bratychak^{1, *}, Olena Shyshchak¹*

This year Prof., D.Sc. Volodymyr Starchevskyy, Deputy Editor-in-Chief of the journal *Chemistry & Chemical Technology*, Head of the Department of General Chemistry is celebrating his 60th anniversary.

V. Starchevskyy was born on March 24, 1958 in Strygantsi, Ivano-Frankivsk region. After graduating from the secondary school, he entered the Faculty of Organic Substances Technology of Lviv Polytechnic Institute. In 1980 V. Starchevskyy obtained the diploma with honor of the engineer-chemist-technologist. During 1980-1984 he was a post-graduated student, in 1984 defended his PhD thesis, and in 1997 obtained doctoral degree. In 1993 he became Associated Professor and in 2001 – Professor.

During his professional path V. Starchevskyy acted as assistant, junior researcher, senior lecturer, assistant professor, and professor. In 2005 he was elected as the Head of the Department of General Chemistry and is holding this position until now.

Prof. Starchevskyy has published more than 250 scientific papers, including five monographs, two handbooks and articles in domestic and foreign scientific journals. Together with his co-workers he has 28 patents and certificates of authorship of Ukraine. He was scientific consultant of doctoral thesis and scientific supervisor of 8 PhD theses.

In 1986 V. Starchevskyy became a secretary and a member of academic council at Lviv Polytechnic National University and in the years 2000–2006 he was a member of advisory panel of the Highest Attestation Committee of Ukraine on chemical technology. Prof. Starchevskyy is a member of advisory panel of the Ministry of Education of Science of Ukraine on light, food and chemical technologies (from 2001), a member of the Editorial Board of the *Catalysis and Petrochemistry* journal (from 2010), a member of the board of European Society of Sonochemistry and a President of 13th Meeting of this Society (ESS-13, Lviv 2012), a Chief of scientific direction “Application of cavitation energy to intensify the chemical technological processes”.

In 1984 at JSC “Rivneazot” V. Starchevskyy introduced a new catalyst for the process of liquid-phase oxidation of cyclohexane, and its modified version in 2004 at JSC “Cherkassyazot” and Severodonetsk JSC “Azot”.

Prof. Starchevskyy is awarded by the gratitude of the prime minister of Ukraine (2009) and diplomas of Lviv Polytechnic National University.

Professor V. Starchevskyy met his anniversary with optimism, confidence in the future and new creative ideas. His family, students, colleagues, and co-workers wish him sound health, domestic bliss, and success in his creative work for the benefit of independent Ukraine!

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