

OBITUARY NOTICE

Prof. Ing. MICHAL VOLDŘICH, CSc., Member of the Editorial Board of our journal, passed away

The Department of Food Preservation, Faculty of Food and Biochemical Technology, Institute of Chemical Technology Prague together with the Czech Chemical Society, Working Party of Food and Agricultural Chemistry, Editorial Board of the Czech Journal of Food Sciences and all friends and colleagues mourn the loss of MICHAL VOLDŘICH, Professor of Food Technology and former Vice-Dean of the Faculty who passed away on September 23th, 2013, at the age of 51 years.

Born on August 8th, 1962 in Chomutov in North Bohemia, MICHAL VOLDŘICH studied at the Department of Food Chemistry and Analysis where he obtained his masters degree (Ing.) in 1984. He then moved to the Department of Food Preservation and Meat Technology as an Assistant Professor, and here, under the leadership of Professor Vladimír Kyzlink, received his Ph.D. (CSc.) degree in 1990. Immediately after his habilitation he was appointed Associate Professor of Food Chemistry and Technology in 1995 and Full Professor in 2012. In years 1997–2009, he was Vice Dean for foreign affairs and cooperation with industry on the Faculty of Food and Biochemical Technology.

His field of professional interest was enormously broad and deep. At the beginning of his scientific carrier he concentrated on food chemistry and analysis and later his main interest was mainly focused on applied technological food production. Performance of expert, consultant and later of audit and control activities allowed him to get intense and frequent contact with practice. He participated in the implementation of procedures based on HACCP principles into practice, creating interpretations of legislative requirements by introduction of active practices in enterprises and by organizing training courses for practitioners. He addressed the practical projects (research projects and maintenance services) in the fields of food authenticity and the development of chemometric procedures in detection of adulteration practices co-operating with the control authorities (SZPI – State Agricultural and Food Inspection, SVS – State Veterinary Authority, the Customs Administration and others) and their laboratories, which contributed to the coordination of procedures, development of common methodologies.

MICHAL VOLDŘICH educated many students in BSc, MSc, and PhD programmes, to be fully qualified in food preservation technology. He published more than 65 papers in scientific and professional journals and gave number of lectures at the national as well as international meetings. He was engaged in national as well in international societies. He was a member of the Working party of Food and Agricultural Chemistry of the Czech Chemical Society and many others. As a member of editorial board of Czech Journal of Food Sciences he regularly published his papers in this journal and served also very often as a referee.

We shall forever remember MICHAL VOLDŘICH as a man with quite exceptional professional and human qualities, an outstanding representative of food preservation technology and responsible co-worker.

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