

IN MEMORIAM

Professor Hinko Mikov Hinov **(5.09.1930 – 22.10.2004)**



Prof. Ph. D. Hinko Hinov was born on 05.09.1930 in Lovetch, Bulgaria. He graduated the Naval Academy in the city of Varna, and in 1957 acquired his degree in electrical engineering in the Machine and Electrotechnical Institute – Sofia, Bulgaria. He defended his Ph.D. thesis in the Moscow Power Engineering Institute. He worked as a constructor in the Machine-building factory in Pernik, Bulgaria.

From 1966 to 1972 Prof. Hinov was a Director of the Central Scientific Institute of Complex Automation. From 1973 to 1977 he was vice-chairman of the State Committee for Science and Technical Progress and the Committee for Science, Technical Progress and Higher Education. From 1978 to 1983 he was a deputy director of the International Scientific Research Institute on the Control Problems – Moscow.

Prof. Hinov had an exceptional contribution for the development of the Technical University of Sofia. He was one of the founders of the Faculty of Automatics. His broad understanding and outstanding scientific qualification were essential for many new disciplines like Technological Process Automation, Complex Industrial Automation, Design of Automation Systems, Technical Automation Tools introduced by him. He had an exceptional contribution in the development of the technical education on automation in Bulgaria. Prof. Hinov initiated the development and implementation of one-of-a-kind educational labs and the establishment of Departments on Automation in many higher education institutions in Bulgaria.

The notable Bulgarian scientist, exceptional pedagogue and teacher Prof. Hinko Hinov started his teaching activities in the Technical University of Sofia in 1963. He attained an academic rank as an Associate Professor in the department of Industrial Automatics (1966). From 1975 he was a Professor and for many years head of the department of Production Automation founded by him. Over 3000 students were trained under his supervision. Many PhD students tutored by him graduated successfully.

Prof. Hinov successfully combined the pedagogical work with his scientific research work. He authored more than 150 scientific publications, 12 inventions, monographs and a large number of textbooks in the area of industrial automation. Prof. Hinov was head of many research projects in the field of automation and control with national and international significance. Many systems for control of technological processes in the industry, energetics and construction were designed and introduced under Prof. Hinov supervision.

We Honour his Memory.

We grieve for him but keep in mind that the best manner to express our tribute is to continue his professional course.

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