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WIKTOR KEMULA – EMINENT PERSONALITY

I met Prof. Victor Kemula about 35 years ago during an IUPAC Conference and immediately a current of mutual liking was established between us. I do not know why and how, but surely he radiated (physically speaking) a field of some unknown quantity, which pleasantly captured every body he met.

I do not need to speak here about his scientific work and achievements; I would remind some aspects of his humanity.

After the first time we met together, we have met at every successive IUPAC Conference, and many other times elsewhere, in Warsaw, in Rome, etc. Every time it was a pleasure to exchange witty remarks about novelties and events occurred in the meantime. Even in unpleasant situations he was capable to find rapidly the best solution, highlighting he events with humorous comments.

Once he had to inform me about his proposal, as the President of the Division of Analytical Chemistry, to nominate a colleague for election as a member of the IUPAC Commission on Electroanalytical Methods. This colleague was, frankly speaking, not a very agreeable one, and he told me „...as I advanced my proposal of a candidature of Prof. Y. – an earthquake upset all other member of the commission”. Another time we met in Budapest, and we had to attend both a subsequent meeting at Bucarest. I asked „Did you book your hotel in Bucarest ? If not, you risk to remain under the stars”. His answer was he had no booking for a room. Then I remarked „I expect I shall be forced to share my room with you”. His answer was: „OK, accepted, provided you are quiet and do not snore !”

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But he was also always ready to help anyone asking for something. His memory will therefore remain in the future as the one of a very good scientist with, in addition, a very solid but, nevertheless, merry character.