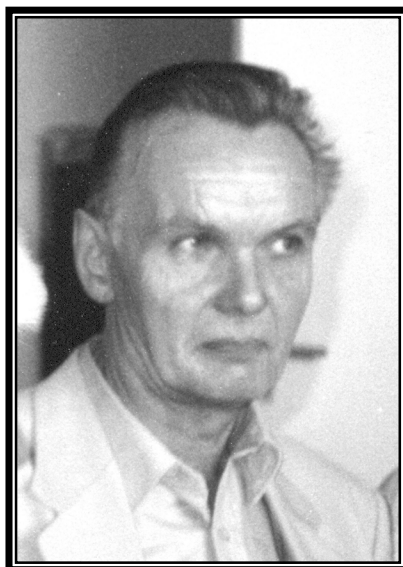


in memoriam

KAARLI UROV
29.05.1937–16.03.2003

On March 16 this year Kaarli Urov, an oil shale scientist of international standing, passed away.



K. Urov was born in Tallinn in 1937 to the family of a manufacturer. His father Elmar Urov was the director of Saku Brewery, maternal grandfather Hans Vinnal – one of the few merchants of Estonian descent active in the very beginning of the 20th century. Such a social background predestined K. Urov's course of life. His father was arrested and he died in a Russian prison camp, the remaining family was deported to Russia, to the Kirov Province in June 1941. Survivors returned to Estonia only in 1957.

K. Urov graduated from Tallinn Technical University *cum laude* in 1960. He defended the Ph.D. degree in 1966. In 1965–1971, K. Urov worked as a lecturer at the same university.

In 1971 K. Urov was elected a senior researcher of the Institute of Chemistry of the Estonian Academy of Sciences. In 1978–1989 he was the deputy director of this institute, being one of the few noncommunist leading specialists of that time. Politically he was regarded coolly while his personality was highly respected.

All K. Urov's scientific activities concerned oil shale, mainly its thermal processing. His studies on the impact of oil shale mineral part in particular

have become classics. Scientific contribution of K. Urov comprises about two hundred publications. He is the author of the monograph "Characteristics of Oil Shales and Shale-Like Rocks of the Known Deposits and Outcrops" including the analysis data on shales from 100 different deposits from all over the world.

K. Urov deserves credit for restarting international co-operation and founding the scientific-technical journal *OIL SHALE*. His knowledge of languages and personal charm played no minor role in his achievements.

We have been bereaved of a good colleague and a well-known scientist.

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