

Professor Dionis E. Sunko

A Tribute



Dionis E. Sunko was born in Zagreb, a university center and capital of Croatia, in September 1922. In Zagreb, he had the opportunity to study chemistry at the Technical Faculty of the University of Zagreb, which had a strong Chemistry program in which Vladimir Prelog, later Nobel Prize winner, established a modern organic synthetic laboratory. There, Sunko received the BS degree in chemical engineering in 1946. Subsequently, he pursued research under the supervision of M. Prostenik; he was awarded the PhD degree in 1953 (dissertation title: "Synthesis of Enantiomeric Sphingines").

At that time, synthetic organic chemistry in Zagreb was being pursued both in the University and in chemical industry, particularly in the research laboratories of PLIVA, a pharmaceutical company located in Zagreb. Sunko began his professional career as an engineer by working at PLIVA between 1946-1951, the only period during which he engaged in industrial research. Since 1951, when he obtained a position as Teaching Assistant at the Faculty of Medicine of the University of Zagreb, Sunko has pursued an academic career.

His central scientific interest in physical organic chemistry partially emerged during his postdoctoral fellowship at the University of Illinois, Urbana (1957-1959), where he met a number of leading organic chemists in the field. The intellectual atmosphere in the research group of Robert F. Nystrom, who studied isotope labeling of organic compounds, stimulated Sunko's subsequent scientific work that employed isotope effects to study organic reaction mechanisms. Subsequently, after his return to Croatia, Sunko established the laboratory for physical organic chemistry at the Rudjer Boskovic Institute. There, he initiated collaboration with Stanko Borcic, who also had an abiding interest in the study of organic reaction mechanisms. Together with Borcic, Sunko became a founding father of physical organic

chemistry, not only in Croatia, but also throughout Central Europe. The first physical organic publications to emanate from the Borcic-Sunko collaboration reported their results of painstaking studies of kinetic secondary deuterium effects in the solvolysis of cyclopropylcarbinyl systems. These studies subsequently were extended to include norbornyl and cholesteryl systems, initially in collaboration with Borcic and later with his PhD students Marija Nikoletic, Zdenko Majerski, and Kresimir Humski. Fundamental results published in a series of papers about deuterium isotope effects were incorporated into a review that appeared in an ACS Monograph in 1970. Mention also should be made of an important collaboration between Sunko and V. J. Shiner (Indiana University), which was initiated in 1963 and that later, became formalized through jointly-funded NSF and NIH projects.

At the same time, Sunko served as Assistant Professor and later as an Associate Professor with the Faculty of Technology, University of Zagreb. In 1971, Sunko obtained a permanent position as Full Professor of Chemistry with the Faculty of Science, from which he retired 1992. As a head of the Laboratory of organic chemistry and biochemistry, Sunko continued to work in physical organic chemistry, especially in studies of cyclopropylcarbinyl, cyclobutyl, adamantyl and 7-norbornyl carbocations. His contributions led to improved understanding of hyperconjugation phenomena and the structures of nonclassical carbocations. This focus of this research developed from the use of indirect experimental methods (e.g., kinetic studies and product analyses) to the study of the reactive intermediates in super acids in the solid state, the area in which we have established a especially fruitful collaboration with Sunko.

Sunko's interests have always been in the forefront of the physical organic chemistry. He cherished his worldwide contacts and scientific interactions with the leading researchers in the field. His international activities span a broad spectrum, including invited lectureships (Gordon Conference, Reaction mechanism Symposium, Kimbrough International Symposium, ESOC, ESOR, WISOR), and Visiting Professor appointments at UCLA, USC, Indiana University, University of Southern Illinois, William & Mary College, and Clarkson University.

As a professor at the faculty of Science of the University of Zagreb, Sunko has always played a full and active role. He developed new teaching methods in fundamental organic chemistry and established university courses in physical organic chemistry on the undergraduate and graduate levels. In 1997, Sunko was awarded Professor Emeritus status at the University of Zagreb, and he was elected as a full member of the Croatian Academy of Science and Arts. He remains very active to this day; he visits the Chemistry Department daily, attends seminars, group colloquia, and organizes meetings. His experience continues to inspire students and colleagues in the Department of Chemistry, Faculty of Science, and throughout the academic community.

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Education

1946 University of Zagreb, Dipl. Ing. Degree in Chemistry
1953 University of Zagreb, Ph. D. in Chemistry
1957-59 University of Illinois, Urbana, IL, USA (postdoc.)

Professional Positions

1945-51 Chemist, Research and Development Division, "Pliva" Chemical Works
1951-59 Research assistant, Medical Faculty, University of Zagreb
1959-74 Research associate to scientific advisor, head
Laboratory of physical-organic chemistry, Institute Ruder Boskovic, Zagreb
1963-65 Chairman, department of Organic chemistry and Biochemistry
1969-72 Institute Ruder Boskovic
1959-65 Assistant professor to associate professor, Faculty of Technology,
U. of Zagreb
1971-92 Full profesor, head, Laboratory of organic chemistry and Biochemistry
Faculty of Science, U. of Zagreb
1992 Retired
1997 Professor emeritus U. of Zagreb

Visiting Professorships

1966 University of California, Los Angeles, CA
1967 University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA
1973 Indiana University, Bloomington, IN
1977 University of Southern Illinois, Carbondale, IL
1978/79 College of William & Mary, Williamsburg, VA
1983 Indiana University, Bloomington, IN
1987 Clarkson University, Potsdam, NY

Honors and Awards

1967 Rudjer Boskovic award for scientific achievement (jointly with S. Borcic)
1992 Republic of Croatia award for lifetime achievement
1999 "Bozo Tezak" medal of the Croatian Chemical Society
1998- Fellow of the Croatian Academy of Science and Arts

Publications and lectures

More than 100 scientific papers published in professional journals. Invited speaker at scientific congresses and other universities. Speaker at scientific meetings and universities at home and abroad.

Research Interests

Synthetic and physical organic chemistry; reaction mechanisms, isotope effects in solvolytic reactions, structure and reactivity of carbocations.

Memberships in Professional Societies and Committees

- 1946- Member, Croatian Chemical Society
- 1957-66 Member of the Editorial Board of *Croatica Chemica Acta*
- 1968-70 President Croatian Chemical Society
- 1974-78 President, Union of Yugoslav Chemical Societies
- 1966- Member, American Chemical Society
- 1982- Fellow, Royal Society of Chemistry, London
- 1988-92 President, Croatian Society of Natural Sciences
- 1990-97 Member editorial board, *Journal of Physical Organic Chemistry*
- 1991-92 Member, Republic of Croatia Council for Education
- 1992- Member, International Advisory Board, *Perkin Transactions 2*
- 1979-93 Member, International board of European Symposia on Organic Chemistry (ESOC)
- 1991- Member, International Advisory Committee, European Symposia on Organic Reactivity (ESOR).
- 1992-97 Corresponding member of the Croatian Academy of Science and Arts (HAZU)
- 1992-97 Member. Organizing Committee of the Winter School on Organic Reactivity (WISOR)
- 1997- Fellow of the Croatian Academy of Science and Arts

Invited Lectures

Gordon Research Conferences, Reaction Mechanism Symposium, Kimbrough International Symposium, ESOC, ESOR, WISOR, Harvard, Yale, UCLA, USC, UCI, U. of Ill, Cornell, Rochester, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Princeton, Kent, York, Mainz, Heidelberg, Erlangen, ETH, Padova, Moskva.

1991 Regional coordinator and member of the scientific committee (WISOR) u Bressanone, Italy

Important Publications**a) Reviews and Monographs:**

1. Infrared Spectroscopy of Long-lived Carbocations in Cryogenic SbF₅ Matrices.
2. Sunko, D. E. In *Stable Carbocation Chemistry*; Prakash, O. K.; Schleyer, P. v. R., Eds; Wiley & Sons: New York, 1997; pp 349-388.
3. Secondary Deuterium Isotope Effects on Reactions Proceeding Through Carbocations.
4. Sunko, D. E.; Hehre, W. J. In *Progress in Physical Organic Chemistry*; Taft, R. W., Ed.; John Wiley & Sons, Inc.: New York, 1983; Vol.14, pp 205-246.
5. Secondary Deuterium Isotope Effects and Neighboring Group Participation.

6. Sunko, D. E.; Borcic, S. In ACS Monograph 167 *Isotope Effects in Chemical Reactions*; Collins, C. J.; Bowman, N. S., Eds.; Van Nostrand Reinhold Company: New York, 1970; pp 160-212.
7. 4. Interactions in Carbocations and Huckel's $4n+2$ Rule. Sunko, D. E. *Croat. Chem. Acta* **1980**, *53*, 525.

b) Original papers:

1. Experimental and Theoretical Infrared Spectra of the 2-Norbornyl Cation. Koch, W.; Liu, B.; De Frees, D. J.; Sunko, D. E.; Vancik, H. *Angew. Chem., Intl. Ed.* **1990**, *29*, 183.
2. Solid State Chemistry in Antimony Pentafluoride Matrices. Infrared Spectra of Reactive Intermediates. Vancik, H.; Sunko, D. E. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1989**, *111*, 3742.
3. Hyperconjugation and the Angular Dependence of β -Deuterium Isotope Effects.
4. Sunko, D. E.; Szele, I.; Hehre, W. J. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1977**, *99*, 5000.
5. Thermodynamic and Kinetic Secondary Isotope Effects in Cope Rearrangement.
6. Humski, K.; Malojcic, R.; Borcic, S.; Sunko, D. E. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1970**, *92*, 6534.
7. Secondary Deuterium Kinetic Isotope Effects in Acetolysis of 2-Norbornyl-6-d Brosylates.
8. Jerkunica, J. M.; Borcic, S.; Sunko, D. E. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1967**, *89*, 1732.
9. Nature of the Intermediates in the SN1 Type Reactions of Cyclopropylmethyl Derivatives: Solvolysis of Deuterated Cyclopropylmethylbenzene Sulphonates.
10. Borcic, S.; Nikoletic, M.; Sunko, D. E. *Chem. & Ind.* **1960**, 527.

Complete List of Publications

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2. A Synthesis of α -Phthalimidopropionaldehyde. Jambresic, I.; Sunko, D. *Arhiv Kem.* **1951**, *23*, 195.
3. Note on the Preparation of Margaric Acid. Sunko D.; Alaupovic, P. *Arhiv Kem.* **1953**, *25*, 259.
4. Studies in the Sphingolipids Series. II. Synthesis of Enantiomeric Sphingines. Sunko, D.E.; Prostenik, M. *J. Org. Chem.* **1953**, *18*, 1532.
5. Studies in the Sphingolipids Series. III. Preparation of Sphingine by the Catalytic Reduction of Tribenzoyl-sphingosine. Munk-Weinert, M.; Sunko D. E.; Prostenik, M. *J. Org. Chem.* **1954**, *19*, 378.
6. On the Reaction of α -Phthalimidoacid Chlorides with Substituted Sodiomalones. A Method for the Preparation of α -Amino Ketones and Related Compounds. Sunko, D. E.; Prostenik, M. *Arhiv Kem.* **1954**, *26*, 7.
7. A Synthesis of DL- α -Amino- β -hydroxy-valeric Acid (Hydroxynorvaline). Sunko, D. E.; Kistic, A. *Arhiv Kem.* **1955**, *27*, 31.
8. 2-Hexadecyonic Acid. Sunko, D. E.; Vujanovic, N. *Arhiv Kem.* **1955**, *27*, 217.
9. The Reduction of Some Phthalamic Acids with Lithium Aluminum Hydride. Sunko, D. E. *Arhivkem.* **1955**, *27*, 183.

10. Studies in the Sphingolipids Series. IV. Determination of Configuration of the Amino Carbon Atom in Sphingosine. Prostenik, M.; Munk-Weinert, M.; Sunko, D. E. *J. Org. Chem.* **1956**, *21*, 406.
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13. Nature of the Intermediates in the SN1 Type Reactions of Cyclopropylmethyl Derivatives: Solvolysis of Deuterated Cyclopropylmethylbenzene Sulphonates. Borcic, S.; Nikoletic, M.; Sunko, D. E. *Chem. & Ind.* **1960**, 527.
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17. Metabolism Studies with DL-[α -C14] Ergothioneine. Wolf, G.; Bergan, J. G.; Sunko, D. E. *Biochim. Biophys. Acta* **1961**, *54*, 287.
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