## MEMORIAL

## Prof. Ivan Slimák, PhD. (1932 – 2021)

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Professor Ivan Slimák played a pivotal role in implementing scientific research, education and engineering work in the field of metrology, precision mechanics, quality engineering and quality management. In 1974, he established curriculum Quality Engineering at the Technical University Košice, making Czechoslovakia one of the first countries with such a study program worldwide. Moreover, in 1980 he started and co-organised 16 international conferences, "Quality of Work, Production and Life", in Piešťany. Professor Slimák introduced Statistical Process Control and Total Quality Management systems in many Czechoslovak and later in Slovak companies. He lectured at conferences in the USA, Austria, China and was the founder of a nonprofit organisation, The Slovak Union for Quality (Q-Impulz).

He received recognition from the:

- European Organisation for Quality EOQ for the introduction of higher education in the field of production quality in Czechoslovakia and doctoral students supervision (1995, 1996).
- Slovak Society for Quality SSK for lifelong contribution to quality (2015).
- Slovak Society of Standards, Metrology and Testing ÚNMS for lifelong contribution to quality and metrology (2014).

## He was one of the founders of The QIP journal (1995)

Honour his memory!





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