

Dear friends, supporters of NTREM seminars,

It's been 25 years since the then director of the Res. Inst. of Industrial Chemistry in Explosia Pardubice, Dr. Miroslav Horacek, did organize internal seminar for young scientific and technical staff of the Institute. Their purpose was mainly to teach the scientific youth to present the results of their work to a professional audience. Doctoral students of our Institute of Energetic Materials participated in this seminar. It was agreed that we would take over the organization of other seminars and since our Institute already had cooperation with the Military University of Technology and also with the Institute of Organic Industry (both these ones from Warsaw), the second seminar as a Czech-Polish meeting. The third seminar was already attended also by colleagues from Croatia (Prof Muhamed Suceska and his student), USA (representatives of the 3M Company), Egypt and Slovakia. Because after the political upheaval in Eastern Europe in the end of 1980's for a long time there was a lack of funding, including to support education and student travel, NTREM Seminars tried to organize eliminating this handicap and so we did not charge a fee. The first 10 years or so were very difficult for me in this area, but I received a strong help from our international friends, especially Prof. Adam Cumming (now Univ. of Edinburgh), Dr. Fred Volk (ICT Pfinztal, died on Sept 2005), Dr. R. H. Woodward Waesche (former Editor-in-Chief of the Journal of Propulsion and Powder), Taniya Stepanovna Pivina from Zelinsky Inst. Org. Chemistry in Moscow, and latter also from Dr. Ruth Doherty from Energetic Technologic Center, Indian Head, Maryland. We have tried to make these professional meetings of the scientific youth in the field of energetic materials, accessible to young people from all over the world. I think it was managed, but the evaluation should be done especially by those who were helped by these seminars to establish new professional and friendly contacts.

But then came the pandemic and the world changed, very much unpleasantly to me. In this new situation and at my age, thus I am no longer able to participate in organizing NTREM meetings. After all, Prof. Jiri Pachman, who has been involved in this organization since 2009, is doing in this activity much better than I did, so under his leadership the continuity and further development of NTREM Seminars is guaranteed.

So I say goodbye to all fans of our NTREM meetings.

I thank a lot to Adam, Fred, Woody, Taniya, Ruth and our other advisors and helpers (scientific committees), to all of you attendees, and to our sponsors from both industry and US Army organizations for support and active participation.

I wish you all much successes in all your activities, and you and your loved ones much well-being and a goof health.

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