

IN MEMORIAM

PROFESSOR ANASTASS U. TOTEV, PH.D.

1906-2000

On May 7th 2000 after a short illness died the prominent Bulgarian scientist and educator Prof. Anastass J. Totev, Ph.D.

Prof. A. Totev was born on August 9th 1906 in Sofia. He graduates simultaneously from an ordinary and semi-classical gymnasium. After that he started his education consecutively in several schools in Bulgaria. As a result of this he earned triple major degrees in agronomy, law, and economics. He studied and worked in the Social Sciences School of Cornell University and the Economic School of Harvard University. There in the late 30's he earns a Masters degree in economics and Ph.D. in social sciences.

Since 1940 he has been a professor of political economy, and later of forensic statistics in the Law School of Sofia University. Until his retirement in 1974 he lectured 20 university courses in different educational institution in the country. Many of his lectures had been published as monographic works. These works together with his purely scientific researches had made Prof. Totev an author of more then 400 scientific publications. His works are dominated by economical and statistical topics. Statistics is what integrates his researches. Of great importance are his analyses of the economical and demographic processes in Bulgaria embracing the period since the end of the 19th century till nowadays. Another topic of his science research is the agricultural and industrial production and the relation in their development.

As an expert Prof. Totev collaborates with many different UN institutes – Demographic Office of the Department of Economical and Social Activity, International Institute of System and Application Analysis, International Institute for Intellectual Cooperation. He is a member of the Association of Science Workers, Economists Association, Bulgarian Sociological Association and several international institutes (International Statistical Institute, International Association for Science Research of Population, International Economic Association, etc.). He participates and is an active member of numerous consultant, science-method, and expert councils, incl. The Economical Institute of the BAS (Bulgarian Academy of Science). He is a member of editing collages of several Bulgarian magazines.

In 1972 he was endorsed with the prize “Honored scientist”. On the 90th anniversary of Prof. A. Totev the faculty council of Sofia University prized him with the Saint Kliment Ohridski bas-relief with a blue ribbon for his immense contribution to the Bulgarian science and education.

The researchers from the Economic Institute at the Bulgarian Academy of Science express their courtesy and respect to the erudite scientist and professor, who is a doyen of the statistical and demographic science in the country and who had a long, dignified and productive life.

Let us honor his lasting memory!