



We dedicate this publication to the late Professor Ján Stoffa (1937–2022) a Slovak, Czech, but also Polish engineer and humanist, who in his scientific work combined the development of technology with the development of education in the periodic DIDMATTECH conferences.

We are grateful that his chief idea was to build scientific bridges between researchers not only from European countries but also from around the world.

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Prof. Ing. Ján Stoffa, DrSc., born on July 11, 1937 in the village of Šamudovce (Michalovce district).

Prof. Ján Stoffa's professional career began to take shape at the Electrical Faculty of the Slovak Technical University in Bratislava, and in 1967 he successfully defended his doctoral thesis at the same faculty and received the degree of candidate of technical sciences. In 1970, he successfully habilitated in the field of electrical engineering, and in 1979, he completed his scientific development with the DrSc degree of Doctor of Technical Sciences. In 1980, at the age of 43, he was appointed professor of electrical engineering, which was the first time in Czechoslovakia that he was awarded the title of professor of electrical engineering. He worked at universities in both the Czech Republic and Slovakia, including their immediate leadership. He was the first professor in the history of the CSSP Military Technical School in Liptovský Mikuláš.

His influence has been significantly applied in the development of the current shape of the Department of Technical and Information Education of the Faculty of Education at Olomouc University, with which he has been associated as a professor since 1995, and has also served as head of the department since 1996. He has contributed significantly to changing the profile of the faculty and to the overall increase in its prestige, making the department one of the recognized places of work at home and abroad. In addition to the traditional combinations of disciplines in the teaching process, he is also credited with expanding the number of dual-discipline combinations in the UP Department of Philosophy. He participated in the teaching of many subjects and also invented and introduced new subjects into the curriculum, such as Electrical Engineering, Technical Terminology and Scientific and Technical Information. Under his leadership, by the decision of the Accreditation Commission, the name of the field of study Technical Education was changed to Technical and Information Technology Education, which ushered in a new era of technical and information technology education at the Faculty of Philosophy of UP in Olomouc. Under his leadership, the faculty's scientific activities underwent a fundamental change in the number and level of grants and projects, which began to focus on solving current scientific problems, including projects of the General Council for Science. The level of presentation of scientific results has also improved, especially in the form of publications and conferences organized by the faculty. He was instrumental in establishing three international scientific conferences, DIDMATTECH, Trends in Education, and Modernization of Teaching in Technically Oriented Disciplines and Subjects, and contributed to a significant deepening of the Department's cooperation with sister departments at home and especially abroad.

He has also published a remarkable number of scientific and professional papers that are thematically related to the directions of his scientific interests. Prof. Stoff's activities and results have been the subject of recognition and awards, and many of his papers have been cited by other authors in the Czech Republic and abroad. After his retirement, he was appointed Professor Emeritus of UP in 2009 and continued to work very closely with the UP Pedagogical Department, especially the Department of Technical and Computer Education.

Prof. Ing. Ján Stoffa, Ph.D., created an indelible and important mark not only in his original field of electrical engineering, but was also one of the prominent figures in the fields of technical education didactics, material science, and technical terminology. Prof. Ján Stoff's career, way of working, and achievements were, and certainly still are, in many ways stimulating and inspiring, not only in the technosphere.

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