

## Edith A. Turi



Dr. Edith A. Turi died on November 6, 2011 at the age of 93. She survived the Nazi occupation of Hungary and escaped to America after the failed Hungarian uprising in 1956. Before emigrating, Dr. Turi was a research coordinator at the Hungarian National Academy of Sciences.

Once in the U.S., she earned a Ph.D. and became a major positive force and leading expert in the field of thermal analysis. Her main research was in the characterization of materials and the evaluation of the major parameters affecting their stability and processability. She was a fellow of the North American Thermal Analysis Society (NATAS), president of the society in 1981 and winner of the NATAS Outstanding Service Award also in 1981. Her book *Thermal Analysis of Polymeric Materials*, first published in 1981 and revised in 1997, is a classic. In 1985 she received the Mettler-Toledo Award for outstanding contribution to the field of thermal analysis and in 2000 she received the Distinguished Service Award from ICTAC. Dr. Turi was the regional editor of the *Journal of Thermal Analysis and Calorimetry* for the United States and Canada from 1980 to 2001 and she was chair of the ICTAC Education Committee from 1985 through 2002.

She was a renowned leader in promoting the education and application of thermal analysis in the U.S. and abroad. In 1975 she began the annual short course *Thermal Analysis in Research and Production* at the Polytechnic Institute of New York (formerly Brooklyn Polytechnic Institute). This annual short course continued into the 1990s where she served as Director and Principal Lecturer. She also took her short course on the road for the ACS, Eastern Regional Conference (ACS), Pittsburgh Conference and the Golden Gate Polymer Forum as well as for several international venues. Dr. Turi was a passionate promoter of her colleagues' careers; she was a networker before there were networks. Following her retirement from the Allied-Signal Corporate Technology Center in Morristown, NJ she was appointed Research Professor at the Polytechnic University of New York, where the Professor Edith A. Turi Thermal Analysis Laboratory was established in her honor.

Dr. Turi was predeceased by her husband of 64 years, Dr. Paul Turi, and is survived by her son Zoltan, daughter-in-law Adele, and grandson Michael.

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