

## Teodor Atanacković

Teodor (Mirko) Atanacković was born in Sibač (Pećinci, in the region of Srem) on 2 November 1945. He obtained his early education in Novi Sad and, in 1969, he graduated from the Faculty of Mechanical Engineering in Novi Sad, at the Department of Thermal Engineering. He continued his postgraduate studies in the USA (1971-1974). He earned his Master's Degree in 1973 and his Ph.D. in 1974 from the Department of Mechanics, University of Kentucky, Lexington Ky. USA. Since 1975, he has been working at the Department of Mechanics of the Faculty of Technical Sciences in Novi Sad. He was elected Full Professor in 1988.

In the period from 1982 to 1995, he spent two years at the Technische Universität Berlin with a research grant from the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation. He was the project leader on the Serbian side for a joint project with the Technische Universität Berlin (2003-2005). He is a member of the Editorial Boards of a Serbian Journal *Theoretical and Applied Mechanics* and the *International Journal of Structural Stability and Dynamics* issued by World Scientific. He is a member of The International Society for the Interaction of Mechanics and Mathematics.

Professor Atanacković received the October Award of the Novi Sad City in 1995. He was appointed Vice-Rector for Science Affairs at the University of Novi Sad and has been a Member of the National Council for High Education of the Republic of Serbia (2006-2010). He is Chairman of the Department of Mechanics of the Mathematical Institute of SANU in Belgrade.

His main research interests include mechanics of solid materials, variational principles of mechanics, stability of elastic systems, shape optimization of elastic rods and viscoelasticity of fractional order.

He wrote three books in Serbian. Another three which were written in English and one in Russian were published by the foreign publishers: **T. Atanackovic**, *Stability Theory of Elastic Rods*. World Scientific, 1997, **T. M. Atanackovic**, A. Guran, *Theory of Elasticity for Scientists and Engineers*. Birkhauser, Boston, 2000, **T. M. Атанацкович**, А. Гуран, *Лекции по Теории упругости*, Санкт-Петербургски гоударствени университет, 2003, B. D. Vujanovic, **T. M. Atanackovic**, *An Introduction to Modern Variational Techniques in Mechanics and Engineering*. Birkhauser, Boston 2004.