

1. Foreword of Prof. András Torma, Rector of the University of Miskolc, Hungary

The term "degree of doctor honoris causa" originates from Latin and means "doctor of merit" and literary "doctor for the sake of honour". In academic tradition, the degree of doctor honoris causa is the highest dignity and the greatest honour which can be conferred by a university on persons who particularly contributed to science and the university.

In over two-hundred and eighty years history of the University of Miskolc and his predecessors, the degree of doctor honoris causa has been conferred to several outstanding scientists. The academic community of the University of Miskolc sought to pay tribute in this special and unique way to people of outstanding merit, who distinguished themselves in science, cultural activity or social life. Each recipient of this prestigious title was also in a particular way associated with our University.

It is no different this time, when we accept Professor Leszek A. Dobrzański to the group of doctors' honoris causa of the University of Miskolc. Professor Leszek A. Dobrzański is not only an outstanding scientist, a teacher full of passion and devotion, but also an excellent organizer of academic and scientific life, who devotes much of his time to working with young people.

Professor Dobrzański's impressive scientific, didactic and publishing accomplishments are of fundamental importance for the development of materials sciences and materials engineering including a broad range of sciences in both fields.

The Senate of the University of Miskolc has decided to award Professor Leszek A. Dobrzański a degree of doctor honoris causa upon request of the Institute of Material Science and Technology. This initiative obtained unequivocal support of the Board of the Faculty of Mechanical Engineering and Informatics and the Senate of the University of Miskolc.

Undeniably, the fact of honouring Professor Leszek A. Dobrzański with the degree of doctor honoris causa of the University of Miskolc distinguishes us and ennobles our University.

Professor András Torma

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