

## **DE SMET Maurice**

Born: October 1, 1913 (Gentbrugge)

Died:

After having finished his secondary studies, he enrolls at the University of Ghent and obtains the title of Master (Chemistry) in 1936, having as tutor the Dutch Professor H.R. Kruyt (holder of the Francqui chair at the University of Ghent). In 1942 he becomes Dr. Sc., in the department of physical chemistry.

In 1938 Professor Rutgers takes him on as an assistant and in 1943 De Smet is appointed head of the laboratory, confirmed in this function in 1953.

Since 1951 he lectures chemistry at the bachelors of engineering. After becoming emeritus 1958, Professor Goubau's lectures of general chemistry are divided between Professor Eeckhaut and Professor De Smet (bachelor degrees of geography and physics). In 1960 he is appointed lecturer at the Faculty of Sciences.

His scientific research concerns the electro kinetic phenomena between glass and water and organic solvents (with a low dielectric constant).

In 1943 he is awarded the yearly prize of the Royal Flemish Academy of Belgium, Class of Sciences as well as the Stas Prize.