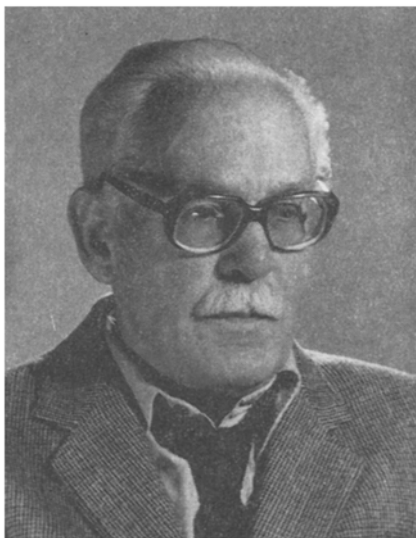


IN MEMORIAM KAREL KUČERA

On December 1986, Ing. Dr. Karel Kučera, CSc., a foremost Czechoslovakian geodesist and member of the Editorial Board of the journal *Studia geophysica et geodaetica* for many years, passed away after a long illness.



Karel Kučera was born in Prague on February 15, 1905. Here he graduated from the secondary school in Malá Strana and then from the Faculty of Special Sciences of the Czech Technical University. Since 1928 he was employed in the state geodetic service where, after several years of work in the cadastre, he devoted himself to developing the Czechoslovakian trigonometric net and supervised the work in this field. He worked as a scientist in the Research Institute of Geodesy, Topography and Cartography from its founding in 1954 until 1970. He published over 60 original scientific papers devoted to the study of instruments, methods of observation and their processing, he is author of the book *Measurement of angles in the Czechoslovakian basic trigonometric net* and of the *Dictionary of Geodesy and Cartography**). All his work is based on profound theoretical and practical knowledge and is outstanding in its originality and practical applicability.

The Czechoslovakian geodetic community will never forget Ing. Dr. Karel Kučera, CSc., who contributed to the development of Czechoslovakian geodesy, was a cultivated and noble-minded person, a dear friend and outstanding teacher.

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*) For details refer to *Studia geoph. et geod.*, 24 (1980), 421.