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Together with Aleksandar Despić, which was his closest collaborator and friend, he is the founder of the Belgrade School of Electrochemistry. Right after graduation at the Faculty of Technology in Belgrade in 1956, he was elected assistant at the Department of Physical Chemistry and Electrochemistry at the Faculty, where he spent his entire working life. There, he also defended his PhD thesis in 1965, he was elected full professor in 1978 and on two occasions, he was the Head of the Department (1981–1984 and 1987–1995). After Aleksandar Despić, he also spent two years with Professor John O'Mara Bockris at the University of Pennsylvania, from 1956 to 1961.

At the Faculty of Technology, later Faculty of Technology and Metallurgy, he held classes for undergraduate and postgraduate students in several subjects (Physical Chemistry, Corrosion, Electrochemical Kinetics, Electrochemical Double Layer and Adsorption). His work as an educator is best described not by the number of graduate (44), magisterial (25) and doctoral (11) theses defended under his mentorship, but rather the successful careers of his students.

Since the foundation of the Department (later Centre) for Electrochemistry at the Institute for Chemistry, Technology and Metallurgy in 1961, for the next 40 years, he worked on scientific research and from the mid-1970s, he was the Head of the Department. The most important areas of his research are kinetics of electrode processes, electrochemical processes of deposition, dissolution and corrosion and corrosion protection using organic and inorganic coating and electrochemical energy sources. Body of work that originated from his research is impressive: 9 textbooks and monographies; 193 published articles, of which 135 in international journals; 15 patents; 48 articles published in Proceedings and 226 announcements and lectures. He participated in the realisation of 9 national and 5 international projects, of which 11 were managed by him.

Professor Dražić has been a member of numerous international associations and their boards for a number of years. From 1981 to 1991, he was a member of Electrochemistry Commission of the

International Union of Pure and Applied Chemistry (IUPAC), from 1989 to 1999, a member of the Task force for Electrical Engineering of the European Federation of Chemical Engineers (EFCE), and from 1992 to 1994, Vice-president of the International Society of Electrochemistry (ISE). His contribution to work and development of Serbian Chemical Society, where he served as the President from 1981 to 1985, is especially important, and even more so, his contribution to the improvement of the quality and importance of its *Journal of the Serbian Chemical Society*, whose editor-in-chief he was for more than twenty years. Thanks to him, this was perhaps the first journal from this region that made its way to the Science Citation Index (SCI) list.

He was elected corresponding member of the Serbian Academy of Sciences and Arts in 1983, and regular member in 1991.

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