

PEOPLE

CONGRATULATIONS

In spring 1956 the two today's jubilarians, **Aili Kogerman** and **Ivar Rooks**, graduated from Tallinn Technical University (Tallinn Polytechnical Institute), the Faculty of Chemistry and Mining, the department of chemical engineering of fuels.

Their entire course of life has focused on one of Estonia's most important natural resources – oil shale.

Aili Kogerman (Kolk), executive editor of the journal OIL SHALE was born on February 3, 1933.

She worked at Kohtla-Järve Oil Shale Chemical Production Association from 1956 to 1958, and at Kohtla-Nõmme Oil Shale Chemical Production Association *Kohtla* from 1958 to 1960.

In 1961 the young engineer started on a postgraduate course at Moscow Textile Institute in the field of chemical fibers. In 1966 A. Kogerman defended her thesis for a candidate's degree in technical sciences, and she remained devoted to chemical fibers until 1990.

Since 1990, A. Kogerman has been the executive editor of OIL SHALE. In this way she has restored her former connections with oil shale. This time her scope has surpassed the republican borders as our journal publishes scientific works of oil shale researchers from many other countries, thus contributing to the wide spread of necessary speciality information.



Mr. Ülo Niine, director of the Estonian Academy Publishers,
congratulating Aili Kogerman on her birthday

Ivar Rooks, a member of OIL SHALE advisory board, was born on February 8, 1933.

His long and successful work as an oil shale chemist from 1956 to 1999 was uninterruptedly connected with Kohtla-Järve oil shale processing industry, his professional scale rising from a department engineer to technical director of the joint-stock company *Kiviter*.



I. Rooks engaged in a discussion
with the Chinese oil shale chemist Prof. Jialin Qian

Ivar Rooks defended his thesis for a candidate of technical sciences in 1973. His life and work for the biggest branch of Estonian industry serves as an excellent example of a successful and politically independent career achieved by dedication and professional competence.

Members of the editorial board and editors of OIL SHALE congratulate our heroes of the day and wish them good health and successful co-operation in future.

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