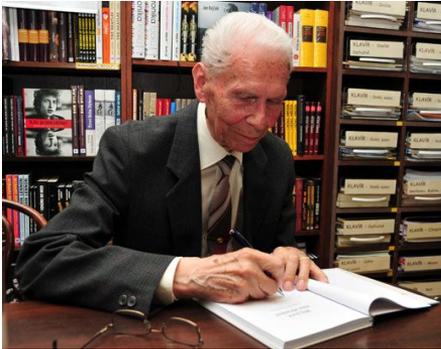


## Professor Lubomír Popelínský, 85, died



It is with deep sadness we announce the passing of Mr. Lubomír Popelínský who died at nearly 86 years of age on February 8, 2017. He was the Professor Emeritus at the University of Defence and a long-time Executive Editor of our journal.

Professor Lubomír Popelínský graduated from the Military Academy in Brno in weapons construction in 1955, and he worked there as a teacher until 1976. This was the year he was dismissed on the grounds of his political beliefs and during the next 15 years

he worked first as a research worker, and later as a senior research worker in the defence industry. He returned to the university again in 1991 and worked there until his retirement. Even during his well-earned rest he continued with his professional activities and made major contributions to numerous research and development projects.

Professor Lubomír Popelínský was an internationally recognized specialist in the area of automatic weapons construction. He participated in completing a large number of technical and scientific projects focused on the development of new weapon systems, acting very often as a team leader. Mr. Popelínský was granted 17 patents and introduced inventions in the area of small-calibre automatic weapons. He also published numerous books and textbooks including tens of technical papers aimed at weapons construction. He worked as a teacher not only at universities in the Czech Republic, but also at the Military Technical College in Cairo and at Cranfield University in Great Britain. He was actively involved in a professional and teaching activity until the very end of his fruitful life which he described in his autobiographical novel titled, characteristically, *My Life among Weapons*, published last year.

Professor Lubomír Popelínský played an important role in the successful development of our journal. From the beginning of the 90s of the last century he worked as an Executive Editor of the journal "Proceedings of the University of Defence in Brno, series B, Technical and Natural Sciences" which was transformed into *Advances in Military Technology* in 2005. He fulfilled the duties of an Executive Editor also in this newly established journal and saw to its professional quality until the end of his life.

Mr. Popelínský's death is a great loss to our journal since his broad perspective, experience, professional attitude and care influenced the activities of all the Editorial Board in a very positive manner and he will be sadly missed. His death affected not only the editorial staff, but also the expert public who will remember him for being an excellent specialist and teacher, and a wise, kind and respectable man. Let us pay our last respects to Mr. Popelínský.