

Meet Richard Pohanish, the Fact Master: Unlocking the World of Knowledge

The Early Years of a Knowledge Seeker

Richard Pohanish, fondly known as the 'Fact Master,' was born in New York City in 1943. From a tender age, he exhibited an insatiable thirst for knowledge and an acute attention to detail. His early fascination with the intricacies of science laid the foundation for his illustrious career in the world of scientific and technical information.



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Pohanish's academic journey took him to the prestigious Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, where he earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Chemistry with honors. His exceptional abilities soon caught the attention of his professors, who recognized him as a rising star in the field.

Joining the Ranks of Chemical Abstracts

After graduating from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Pohanish joined the esteemed Chemical Abstracts Service (CAS), a world-renowned

organization dedicated to compiling and disseminating chemical information. At CAS, he quickly ascended the ranks, becoming the Managing Editor of Chemical Abstracts.

During his tenure at Chemical Abstracts, Pohanish played a pivotal role in developing and implementing innovative methods for organizing and disseminating scientific information. His exceptional organizational skills and deep understanding of chemistry enabled him to create a comprehensive and user-friendly database that has become an indispensable resource for researchers worldwide.

The Birth of an Encyclopedia: The Kirk-Othmer Legacy

In 1982, Pohanish embarked on a monumental project that would forever etch his name in the annals of scientific publishing: the creation of the Kirk-Othmer Encyclopedia of Chemical Technology. This groundbreaking work, now in its 5th edition, is the definitive reference for chemical engineers and scientists, covering a vast array of topics from fundamental principles to cutting-edge advancements.

Pohanish served as the Editor of the Kirk-Othmer Encyclopedia for over three decades, overseeing the compilation and revision of countless articles contributed by leading experts in their respective fields. Under his meticulous guidance, the encyclopedia became the most comprehensive and authoritative source of chemical technology information available.

The Wiley Encyclopedia of Chemical Technology: A Global Reference

In 2010, John Wiley & Sons acquired the Kirk-Othmer Encyclopedia, and with it, Pohanish's unparalleled expertise. The encyclopedia was rebranded as the Wiley Encyclopedia of Chemical Technology, and under Pohanish's

continued leadership, it expanded its scope to encompass a global perspective.

The Wiley Encyclopedia of Chemical Technology now includes contributions from over 3,000 international experts, providing a truly global perspective on the field of chemical technology. It serves as a trusted resource for researchers, industry professionals, and students alike, offering in-depth coverage of a wide range of topics, including:

- Chemical engineering
- Process engineering
- Materials science
- Biotechnology
- Environmental science

Beyond the Encyclopedia: A Legacy of Knowledge

While the Wiley Encyclopedia of Chemical Technology stands as a testament to Pohanish's unparalleled expertise, his contributions to the world of knowledge extend far beyond this esteemed publication. He has authored and edited over 20 books, including the widely acclaimed "HazMat Data: For First Response, Transportation, Storage, and Security" and "Sittig's Handbook of Toxic and Hazardous Chemical Carcinogens." These works have become essential references for professionals in the fields of hazardous materials management and chemical safety.

Pohanish is also a sought-after speaker, regularly delivering lectures and workshops at universities, conferences, and industry events. His engaging

and informative presentations have inspired countless students and professionals to pursue a career in scientific and technical information.

The Mark of a Fact Master

What sets Richard Pohanish apart from his peers is not only his vast knowledge and expertise but also his unwavering commitment to accuracy and precision. In the world of scientific and technical information, where even the smallest error can have far-reaching consequences, Pohanish's meticulous attention to detail has earned him the reputation of a "Fact Master."

Pohanish believes that the dissemination of reliable and accurate information is crucial for progress in science and technology. He has dedicated his life to ensuring that the knowledge we rely on is trustworthy and free from errors.

A Treasured Resource for Generations to Come

The work of Richard Pohanish will continue to benefit generations of researchers, industry professionals, and students for years to come. The Wiley Encyclopedia of Chemical Technology, in particular, stands as a testament to his dedication to the field and his unwavering commitment to sharing knowledge with the world.

As the world of science and technology continues to evolve at an unprecedented pace, the need for reliable and accurate information has never been greater. Richard Pohanish, the 'Fact Master,' has dedicated his life to fulfilling this need, and his legacy will continue to inspire and inform for many years to come.

Additional Resources

- Wiley Encyclopedia of Chemical Technology
- Sittig's Handbook of Toxic and Hazardous Chemical Carcinogens
- HazMat Data: For First Response, Transportation, Storage, and Security

Richard Pohanish, the 'Fact Master,' has dedicated his life to the pursuit of knowledge and the dissemination of accurate and reliable information. His unparalleled expertise in scientific and technical information has made him a renowned expert in the field, and his contributions have had a profound impact on the advancement of science, technology, and industry worldwide.

The Wiley Encyclopedia of Chemical Technology stands as a testament to Pohanish's unwavering commitment to excellence and his passion for sharing knowledge with the world. This monumental work will continue to serve as an indispensable resource for generations to come, inspiring and informing researchers, students, and professionals in the fields of chemical engineering, materials science, biotechnology, environmental science, and beyond.



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