

IN MEMORIAM

Professor Florin Bogdan, MD, PhD (1928–2012)

Professor Florin Bogdan was born on April 8, 1928, in Grecești village, Dolj County, Romania. He graduated the primary school in his native village, and the secondary studies at the Military High School of Breaza. Between 1948 and 1955, he was student at the Faculty of Medicine in Bucharest.

After obtaining his MD Diploma, he was employed as a trainee doctor at the village dispensary of Cetate, Dolj County, until 1959, when he became a Pathology intern at the “St. Spiridon” Hospital in Iassy.

He continued his work as a pathology specialist until 1971, and then as a primary pathologist until 1975, in the same hospital. Then he became the head of the Pathology and Cytology Laboratory of No. 3 Hospital in Craiova, a position he held it until 2003.

Passionate about research, Professor Florin Bogdan began his academic career in 1963 as University Assistant in the Histology Department of the Faculty of Medicine of Iassy. Here he completed his doctoral studies, becoming “Doctor of Medical Sciences” in 1970. In 1974, he started teaching at the Faculty of Medicine of Craiova as Assistant Professor, then Associate Professor in 1978, and Professor in 1990.

His scientific work was materialized in 15 books and courses for students of the faculty of medicine and pathology residents, 220 scientific papers published in journals from Romania and abroad, and over 400 papers presented at various national and international congresses, conferences and symposia: Sofia (Bulgaria), 1965; Belgrad and Novi Sad (Yugoslavia), 1968; Nancy (France), 1970; Istanbul (Turkey), 1973; Cork (Ireland), 1994; Stockholm (Sweden), 1995; Paris (France), 1996.

As a researcher has coordinated 12 national and international research grants and contributed to the development of cooperation relations with research groups in the field of histology and pathology from France, Germany, Serbia, Bulgaria, Moldavia, etc.

Professor Florin Bogdan was member of several national scientific societies and founding member of the Romanian Society of Morphology.

Between 1990 and 2000, he was elected as member of the Romanian Senate and served as Chairman of the Education and Research Committee of the Senate, as well as member of the Bucharest–Chișinău Parliament Committee.

Along with other professors from the Faculty of Medicine of Craiova, Professor Florin Bogdan supported by multiple actions the establishment of the University of Medicine and Pharmacy of Craiova, being considered one of the founders of this institution of higher education.

For his entire scientific and research work, he received numerous awards and distinctions, among which we mention: *Doctor Honoris Causa* of the University of Oradea, Professor Emeritus of the University of Medicine and Pharmacy of Craiova, Honorary Professor of the Universities of Brașov, Galați and Constanța.

His departure, discreet and dignified, is a irretrievable loss for the Romanian school of histology and left a great void, impossible to fill in the heart of those who knew his human and professional dedication.

Throughout his entire work, Professor Florin Bogdan will forever remain in our memory.



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On behalf of The Romanian Society of Morphology