IN MEMORIAM

Mihai Voiculescu (1945-2016)

Born in 1945, Mihai Voiculescu was a graduate of the “Carol Davila” University of Medicine, Bucharest.

He spent most of his medical career in the Fundeni Clinical Institute, where he became Chairman of the “Carol Davila” University Internal Medicine Department and Director of the Fundeni Clinical Institute Internal Medicine Department.

He developed a special interest in Hepatology and Nephrology, acquiring national and international recognition in both fields, a rare case in a profession dominated by very narrow specializations. We can definitely add pneumology and medical oncology as secondary areas of interest, just to emphasise his very large professional horizon.

He was one of the pioneers of MARS dialysis in Romania, coordinating the first national program of its kind.

He was actively involved in both kidney and liver transplantation programs at the Fundeni Clinical Institute and was one of the leaders of the transplant activity in Romania.

In nephrology he promoted renal biopsy, vascular access, peritoneal dialysis and contributed to the understanding of renal autoimmune diseases.

As a Professor, he trained many generations of students, residents and young specialists.

Besides his clinical skills he was also actively involved in research, both clinical and basic. Therefore, he tried to educate the new generations of hepatologists and nephrologists not only as clinicians but also as researchers.

He was a member of many national and international scientific societies and President of some of them, such as the Romanian Association for Study of the Liver Diseases (ARSF), the Romanian Association for the Study of Hereditary Kidney Diseases and the Romanian Association for Nephrology and Vascular Access.

He was elected a member of the Romanian Academy of Medicine and was decorated by the President of Romania with the Order “Serviciu Credincios”.

He liked to travel and had always a keen interest in modern technologies (computers, tablets, smart phones, etc). He was a kind man, with a very wise and balanced approach, ready to give good advice wherever it was required and ready to help anyone in need.

We regret very much his early passing with many ongoing projects still to be finished and with, surely, many achievements still in front of him.

However, his legacy will be an established school of nephrology and hepatology in Romania that will continue his work and will keep his memory alive! He shall be remembered for a long time to come!

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