

In memoriam of Professor Maria Florescu (1944–2005)

Prof. dr. Maria Florescu was born in Craiova in November 1944. After graduating from the “Nicolae Titulescu” College, she guided her steps towards the Faculty of Medicine from the Institute of Medicine and Pharmacy of Timișoara, until 1968.



After getting her diploma as a physician, she followed the obligatory rural probation and practiced as a pediatrician in Craiova.

In 1977 she became donning of the Faculty of General Medicine from Craiova. Since then she continued her work, starting as a probationer assistant until she became a professor and chef chair. Her Ph. D. thesis with Prof. dr. Florin Bogdan as scientific supervisor named “Contribution to the histological study of the endometrial hyperplasia correlated with the clinical aspect in women” is based on varied research of her own in the gynecological pathology field.

During the practical and theoretical teaching courses, Prof. dr. Maria Florescu was interested in elaborating a rich didactical material besides her constant concern of making the students think morphologically.

Always keen on studying and discovering, she published her scientific research in 9 books (monographs, textbooks and manuals) and more than 150 papers in national and international journals (Romanian Journal of Morphology and Embryology, Archives of the Balkan Medical Union, Craiova Medicală, Journal of the European Academy of Dermatology and Venerology, etc.) during 30 years of dedicated work in the academic system.

One of her main concerns was to carry out, develop and conclude her Ph. D. thesis, fact that led to the elaboration of “Endometrium” monograph. Further more, we may also remind the titles of two other monographs - “Oral cavity” and “Dermato-histopathology” and other textbooks for students and young pathologists like “General and Systemic Pathology” and “Clinical Necropsy”.

Besides her didactical activity, Prof. dr. Maria Florescu was involved in the medical activity as Chief of the Pathology Department from the Clinical Emergency Hospital in Craiova, where she was concerned both in current specialty problems and theoretical and practical training of the resident physicians.

Caring and loving mother, she was a pylon in her family for her two children, being a real model especially for her daughter who is a student at the Faculty of Medicine.

She was also a member of many national and international scientific organizations, such as The Romanian Society of Morphology, The National Society of Cellular Biology, The Balkan Medical Union, The Romanian Division of The International Academy of Pathology, etc.

When The Research Centre for Microscopic study of Morphology and Immunology from University of Medicine and Pharmacy Craiova was set up, she was elected as Chief of the Pathology Department, participating in the management and finalization of many research subjects.

She organized and guided the scientific studies presented during the annual symposiums. As recognition of her rich professional activity she was elected member in the editorial board and referent of some journals, such as The Romanian Journal of Morphology and Embryology, Craiova Medicală.

The premature disappearance of an eminent professor appreciated by her colleagues, loved and respected by her students, leaves a guided collective of pathologists, who will not forget her and for whom she will ever be a model of life.

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