

## IN MEMORIAM

### Professor NICOLAE EŞANU (1941–2009)

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Professor Nicolae Eşanu was born May 9, 1941, in the Corneuți village, Briceni County, Republic of Moldavia. He graduated the high school in 1958 and than the Faculty of Medicine from Kishinev. As young doctor, he worked in the soviet army between 1968 and 1970, and for this activity, he was awarded with a medal.

Professor Nicolae Eşanu was a dedicated histologist, and will remain in the medical history of Moldavia as the first scientist that introduced histochemical methods in the routine practice. Based on his technical skills in the field, he strongly contributed to the introduction of immunohistochemical methods, as they are now performed in Kishinev. Histochemical methods were at the base of his PhD thesis, confirmed for its scientific value in 1987. Research was continuous during his life, proved by more than 100 publications. He became the head of the Department of Histology, and chaired this position from 1993 until 2009. During this time, he selected from former students young histologists that today cover the entire teaching and research activity.

As Dean of the Faculty of Medicine (1993–2004), Professor Nicolae Eşanu initiated many projects related to the medical curriculum and he hardly tried to adapt the teaching system to students' necessities. Based on the results of these projected, Nicolae Eşanu was elected Vice-Rector with teaching problems, and he occupied this position from 2004 until his death. Nicolae Eşanu was ad interim Rector of the University during 2005 and 2007. In this position, he strongly contributed to the general development of the University and his strategy was based on the desire to align the medical teaching from the Republic of Moldavia with actual requirements for both students and graduates. His activity in the administrative field was largely recognized and awarded with “Nicolae Testemițanu” and “Civic Merit” medals.

He created a modern school of histology that now is adapted to general requirements in the field. Based on his experience, today the team of the department of histology is ready for a competitive scientific research and for a modern teaching. He had fight for decades to open the gate of the international cooperation for teachers and students of “Nicolae Testemițanu” University of Medicine and Pharmacy. As Vice-Rector responsible for teaching problems, Nicolae Eşanu developed many projects with similar universities from Romania and other countries from Europe. We are sure that the results of his entire work will not wait to occur.

Professor Nicolae Eşanu passed away October 22, 2009 by heart attack, but he will remain in our memory and our works forever.



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