



Ion Gh. ROSCA (1949 – 2013)

On the 6th April 2013, the heart of Professor Doctor Ion Gh. ROSCA stopped beating. The one who over four decades has devoted his whole being to the development of economic informatics education has left us, leaving a huge void and the regret that in the full creative activity, he had a lot to be done in achieving his goal that driven himself across his entire life.

He graduated as valedictorian in 1972 from the Faculty of Economic Cybernetics and Statistics, specialization of Mechanization and Automation of Economic Calculation, the current specialization of Economic Informatics. He

climbed one by one, through competition, teaching positions such as teaching assistant, assistant professor, associate professor, and in 1994 he became full university professor.

Professor Ion Gh. ROSCA was cofounder of the Department of Economic Informatics and its first head of Department, contributing to the creation of an efficient architecture, sustainable and especially performance through the outstanding results achieved in modernizing curricula. By attracting the most talented graduates of computer science in general and economic informatics in particular, to contribute in their quality of future teachers, he attained a very special scientific level, expressed through lectures, seminars and teaching materials appreciate by students of Faculty of Cybernetics, Statistics and Economic Informatics, but also by students from other universities with departments of Economic Informatics.

At the initiative of Professor Ion Gh. ROSCA, in 1993, was held the first International Conference on Informatics in Economy, which this year has reached its twelfth edition. The conference succeeded in bringing together personalities from academic field, specialists from research centers and industry, which through their papers have contributed to a better understanding of their concerns, to the development of a very close connection between academic and economic environments. Since 2012, the volumes of this conference are ISI proceedings. Also at his initiative, in 1997 appeared the first number of the specialized journal *Informatica Economică*, now reaching the 17th volume, journal which publishes original results obtained by young researchers from the country and abroad, after they are subjected to a demanding review process and verification of texts originality.

Professor Ion Gh. ROSCA has demonstrated his teaching qualities by the exceptional quality lectures presented to the students, by his teaching tact and by its special way to speak to young students, understanding their concerns and especially guiding them in achieving bachelor papers and essays for participation at scientific sessions from the Bucharest University of Economic Studies and nationwide.

In quality of PhD coordinator, Professor Ion Gh. ROSCA guided many young people, especially valuable in conducting successful doctoral stages, sustaining their doctoral theses containing original solutions and being appreciated by the members of the evaluation commissions with the choicest words.

Over the years, Professor Ion Gh. ROSCA occupied important positions and demonstrated exceptional qualities of manager within the Bucharest University of Economic Studies, first as director of the Research Department, then as Vice-rector of research problems and during 2004 - 2012 he was Rector of the Bucharest University of Economic Studies, implementing together with his management team deep reforms in order to align economic higher education to the highest requirements imposed by the development of knowledge-based society in our country.

Through his entire activity, Professor Ion Gh. ROSCA brought a special contribution to the development of economic informatics higher education in our country, to create an effervescent climate of scientific research, where the whole activity is assessed using rigorous performance criteria. His high level of exigency left a deep mark on the activity of members of the Department of Economic Informatics and beyond, by publishing papers in prestigious publishing houses, highly appreciated by students and professionals that work in software development companies.

Professor Ion Gh. ROSCA contributions made throughout his entire life have been, are and will remain a model for today people, but also for future generations of computer science teachers and students.

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