

In Memoriam Dan Dascălu

Editorial Board

On February 10, the academician Dan Dascălu, Editor-in-Chief of ROMJIST, unexpectedly passed away as a consequence of an accident. Dan Dascălu was a full member of the Romanian Academy, professor emeritus, founder and director - between 1993 and 2011 - of the National Institute of Microtechnology, IMT in Bucharest.

A passionate editor, Dan Dascălu coordinated, over the years, our journal - Romanian Journal of Information Science and Technology - and a series of volumes of Microelectronics, published by the Romanian Academy Publishing House. The books gather original scientific and technological contributions, obtained by the most famous Romanian researchers in the field.

From the first years of operation in the Romanian Academy of the new Section for Information Science and Technology, acad. Dan Dascălu, a founding member of the section, asserted himself as a catalyst and a very active supporter of the Romanian microsystems sector and its successful inclusion in the European research landscape. He was one of the five Romanian researchers who were invited to Brussels, in 1992, to evaluate the first joint research proposals EU-PECO (European Commission-Pays de l'Europe Centrale et Orientale).

Professor Dan Dascălu successfully represented Romania at the European Commission, for the field of nanotechnologies. He was a prominent figure in Eastern Europe in the field of micro and nanotechnologies. He was a supporter of collaborative research within the Framework Programs of the European Commission, which led to a remarkable international visibility of National Institute for Research and Development in Microtechnologies (IMT).

Dan Dascălu was not involved in politics, and did not make concessions to his own principles, but he made his policy of science in a broad sense and especially in the field of research of solid body physics, micro and nano-electronics, a creed for who fought and struggled unceasingly to the end.

Through all his efforts, he tenaciously promoted the Romanian school of micro- and nanotechnologies in Europe, systematically organized visits of high representatives of the European Commission in Romania. As a result of direct contacts with Romanian researchers, they became aware of the achievements and potential of Romanian centers working in the field.

Acad. Dan Dascălu was dedicated to the profession of teacher and researcher. Enthusiasm, passion and scientific rigor in everything he undertook was a model for colleagues, collaborators and for all those who knew him.

Further details on the life and work of Prof. Dan Dascălu were published in the issue 232/2021 of Market Watch, on the WEB site of IMT at https://www.imt.ro/news/in_memoriam_DanDascalu.htm and on the WEB site of the Romanian Academy.