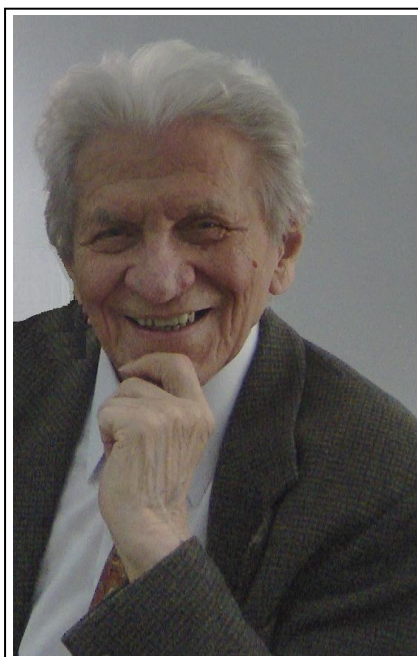


*In memoriam*  
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On May 31, 2016 passed away Prof. Valer Fărcăşan, PhD. He was a distinguished personality of the scientific and academic life at the University „Babeş-Bolyai” Cluj-Napoca with remarkable contributions in the domain of organic chemistry and biochemistry, known in Romania and abroad.



Professor Valer Fărcăşan, PhD was born on October 3, 1919 in Zlatna, a town located in the geographic and economic area known by the existence of a gold triangle defining for the Apuseni Mountains.

In 1939 he graduated the high school at the University Pedagogical Seminary in Cluj. Then he became student of the Department of Physics-Chemistry, Faculty of Sciences belonging to the University „King Ferdinand I” Cluj. A part of his studentship he followed in Timisoara. He graduated the faculty in 1943.

His gained outstanding theoretical and applicative knowledge facilitated the rigorous preparation of his doctoral thesis. Thus, in 1948 under the guidance of Acad. Ioan Tănăsescu he obtained the title of Doctor in Chemistry - with a thesis in the domain of the chemistry of acridones. In the period that followed he elaborated didactical works of high amplitude. In his teaching activity he competently succeeded to university degrees: lecturer (1949); associate professor (1950); full professor (1967) at the Organic chemistry discipline, correlated also to biochemistry. His activity brought him recognition and the title of Professor Emeritus.

He approached in his research work issues of organic chemistry and biochemistry. Thus, in the field of biochemistry he contributed by the side of Acad. Cornel Bodea to the elaboration of the Treatise of Plant biochemistry - Phytochemistry, Vol.I-III (1964-1966). In that biochemistry he approached issues of phytochemistry related to biologically active substances of nutritional and pharmaceutical interest.

Also, he participated to the elaboration of the book Animal Physiology alongside Acad. Eugen Pora. Likewise he was one of the co-workers of the „Encyclopedia of Chemistry” Vol.II, III, IV (1985-1986).

The scientific activity of Prof. Valer Fărcășan was mainly focused on the chemistry of aromatic heterocycles, a field of excellence in the organic chemistry, too. In this context he contributed to the elucidation of the acridines and acridones structures. He developed also studies with regard to compounds from the group of furan, benzofuran, dibenzofuran, phenothiazine and benzothiazole.

Prof. Fărcășan extended his studies on the nitro- and formil-phenothiazinazolactones derivatives of phenothiazines, too pursuing aspects related to their synthesis (by stereoselective techniques) and definition of their specific structures. He was also a PhD supervisor: 25 candidates obtained their PhD degree under his guidance.

Through his scientific and academic activity Prof. Fărcășan became an illustrious representative of the Organic Chemistry School in Cluj who influenced the scientific direction of numerous disciples. His prestigious activity was related also to the Institute of Chemistry of the „Babeș-Bolyai” University, to the Chemical-Pharmaceutical Research Institute Cluj-Napoca and to the Laboratory of Biochemistry of the Oncologic Institute Cluj-Napoca.

The academic community perceived his style of activity, the depth of the approach to themes, consistency and perpetuity resolving them. In the image of his colleagues and students is kept his scientific probity going up to methodological details and perpetual verification of the results. His tonic optimism and permanent scientific support offered to young colleagues and students who asked for his help were much appreciated.

The passing in eternity of Prof. Valer Fărcășan is a moment of regret for colleagues and disciples and loss of a symbol of the School of organic chemistry and biochemistry from Cluj-Napoca.

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