

*In honorem
Acad. Victor Giurgiu
On the occasion of the
90th anniversary*

ACAD. VICTOR GIURGIU* **celebrates his 90th birthday this year**



Born on May 16, 1930 in Moeciu – Brașov County, Acad. Victor Giurgiu is an illustrious representative of forestry sciences. He attended high school and university in Brașov. After graduating the Faculty of Forestry in Brașov he performed a specialization at the Forestry Academy in St. Petersburg and the Silvicultural Institute in Moscow. Then, in 1952 he obtained the title of forestry engineer and in 1953 the doctoral title with the thesis entitled “Determining the current growth of trees”. Later on, in 1974, he obtained the title of docent doctor. During 1957-1995 he worked at the Institute of Forestry Research and Management in Bucharest.

Through his extensive scientific activity he brought remarkable contributions to the development of forestry sciences, progress of silviculture in Romania, implementation of tree zoning based on socio-economic criteria, establishing the ecological bases of forestry a.o.

Between 1990-1993 he was a teacher at the Academy of Economic Studies in Bucharest and the University of Suceava. He was a full professor at the University of Suceava - Faculty of Forestry in the disciplines of Dendrometry and Forestry Biostatistics. The scientific activity of Acad. Victor Giurgiu in the development of original methods in dendrometry and forest auxology as well as in the field of dendrochronology has been recognized internationally. He developed original and efficient methods for knowledge of forest resources and forest management, widely applied in production.

He published over 300 scientific papers and 57 books. Among the published books we mention: “Dendrometry” (1961, 1969), “Algorithms for dendrometric calculus” (1965), “Research regarding statistical inventory of brushes” (1968), “Dendrometrand forestry auxology” (1979), “The forest and the future” (1982). After 1990, he published the series of volumes “Silvology” (editor at 7 volumes 1997-2008), “Les forest vierges de Roumanie” (2001, first author), “Methods and dendrometric tables” (2004, in collaboration).

In 1991, Prof. Dr. Victor Giurgiu was elected as corresponding member of the Romanian Academy and in 2009 as full member.

In the domain of book publishing he edited 8 memorialistic volumes in the memory of the prestigious Romanian foresters. In the Romanian Academy he was president of the Commission of Forestry Sciences. Also, he was deputy editor-in-chief of the editorial board of “Proceedings of the Romanian Academy”

**There is a custom of great universities to pay tribute to outstanding personalities, remarkable for their scientific and socio-professional contributions in a certain domain.*

In this context, the present article is dedicated to Acad. Victor Giurgiu at his 90th anniversary

(Series B); member of the Editorial Board of the Romanian Academy Publishing House and at international level he was a member of the “Pro-Silva” International Union.

In the Academy of Agricultural and Forestry Sciences was vice-president of the Section Forestry and led the Section Forestry of this institution. He was Doctor Honoris Causa of the University of Oradea. He was awarded the “Traian Săvulescu” Prize of the Romanian Academy, the National Order “Meritul Științific”, and the National Order “Steaua României”.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY !

Zeno Gârban