

## In memoriam



### PETRU GALETCHI (1938-2004)

On September 6, 2018, we marked the 80th birthday of Professor Petru Galețchi - a true pylon of the university, a personality who leaved remarkable traces in science, in organizational activity, but especially in medical pedagogy.

He was born in Dondușeni village, in a family of farmers, were he was educated to work, to be honest, to defend his dignity, since he was a young child. Throughout his live, these qualities, inherited and tormented in time, have been honored with holiness.

Petru Galețchi successfully graduated from Bălți School of midwifery in 1956 and graduated with a Diploma with mention from the State Institute of Medicine in 1963.

Since 1966 he has been studying the infectious process and conducting a series of experiments in the laboratory of Infectious Pathology and Experimental Therapy at the Institute of Epidemiology and Microbiology "N. Gamaleia" in Moscow.

In 1970, he defended the thesis of doctor of medical sciences in the issue related to the particularities of the evolution of the infectious process caused by antibiotic-resistant Staphylococci under the action of penicillin therapy. One of the conclusions of the paper is written by the author as follows: "Currently, the epidemiology of staphylococcal infections denotes a widespread presence of these microbes among sick people, the bmedical staff and the population, which is largely determined by the persistent circulation of antibiotic-resistant staphylococci." This problem remains current.

Since 1975 Mr. Petru Galețchi worked as associate professor at the department of microbiology, virology and immunology, and since 1989 – as head of the chair. In 1989-1995 he served as Dean of the General Medicine Faculty, and in 1995 he was appointed Vice-Rector and First Vice-Rector, a position he fulfills with all responsibility until August 31, 2004.

Vice-rector Petru Galețchi contributed to optimization of the didactic process by implementing modern training and evaluation technologies, introducing new forms of organization of university education, including the application of interdisciplinary modules and transferable academic credits, the development of new educational standards, the completion of study plans in accordance with the requirements of the World Health Organization and the European area.

Professor Petru Galețchi created a team of experienced staff (deans, pro-deans, etc.) who, developed the concept of continuing training of graduate and postgraduate doctors and pharmacists from all country. He has performed a fruitful activity in the evaluation and accreditation process of the State University of Medicine and Pharmacy "Nicolae Testemitanu".

Prof. Petru Galețchi is well known and appreciated as a member of the University Senate, the Scientific Council and Senate Bureau, the Board of Directors, the Specialized Scientific Council, the President of the Methodical Academic Commission and many others.