

Pages from the history of Romanian Urology

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Urology was and is a powerful profession through the efforts and intelligence that it requires, by inventing and achieving the necessary techniques, through the risks that it assumes and its spectacular results.

Urology has met along history many special scientific events which made it become an independent specialization towards surgery.

Here are some of the most important events: inventing the cystoscope by Max Nitze who opened the chapter of endourology, discovering "X-ray" by Roentgen who made possible the morphofunctional research of the urinary system, discovering the germs, asepsis and antisepsis by Louis Pasteur and Josep Lister in order to culminate with the eternal dream of humankind, performing transplants of tissues and organs.

The Romanian school of surgery – urology started with the era of Nicolae Cretzulescu (1812-1900) and of Carol Davila (1828-1884).

In Romania, Petre Herescu, an apprentice of the great French urologists, Gujon and Albarran, the first Romanian teacher of urology, started in 1909 the Romanian Association of Urology, one of the first European Association of Urology.

The Urology Clinic from Panduri became, under the management of Prof. Dr. Theodor Burghela, the Classic Urology School of Romania, where there were trained some of the most remarkable teachers and physicians of urology from our country.

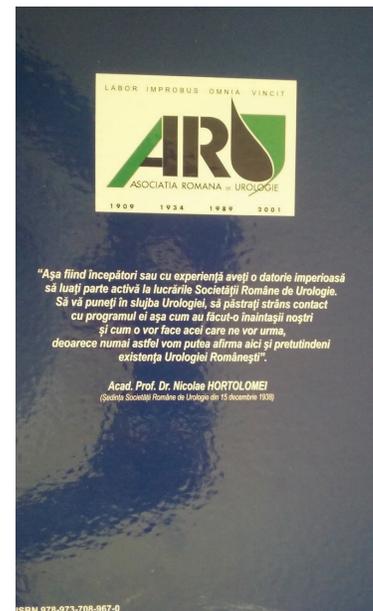
The Urology Clinic from Fundeni, under the management of Prof. Eugeniu Proca, developed the modern urology in Romania at the level of international urology.

In 2009, on the occasion of the celebrating the centenary of the Romanian Association of Urology, under the aegis of the Romanian Academy of Medical Sciences, it was edited "the History of Romanian Urology", enlarged and reedited in 2011.

Forwarding one of the editions, Acad. Ioanel Sinescu was stating:

"We are dignified through what we do now, of the absolutely awesome names in the scientific plan of our forerunners."

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Urology, in the academic “Carol Davila” Publishing House, appeared the volume “Pages from the History of the Romanian Urology”, the result of the endeavor of a great number of urologists from 35 academic centers, hospitals and county departments of urology, including the Republican Hospital from Chisinau.

The appearance of this volume proves that the Romanian urologists respect their past and esteem the spiritual parents – the teachers that provided them an exceptional training.

The Romanian urology respects its values and has all the chances to produce other values in future.

The edited volume, besides evoking the masters of Romanian urology, also accounts for a means of educating the young urologists who must be aware that the history of urology takes part from the national patrimony of the Romanian science.

In this paper you shall meet outstanding names of the urologists from our country: academicians, academic teaching staff but also chiefs of departments or remarkable urologists from some hospitals in the country.

The volume “Pages from the history of the Romanian Urology” deserves to be carefully read and to be included in the books that can be found in the bookshelf of any urologist from Romania and even of those from abroad.

My words are too poor to emphasize the outstanding support of our colleagues in drawing up this volume.

I would like to thank all the urologists who attended the drawing up, Academician Mr. Ioanel Sinescu, who brought a great contribution to the printing of this paper, and Engineer Mrs. Stefania Gheorghe, for the effort taken in drafting up.

As a humble tribute, we dedicate this paper to the centenary of Great Romania 1918-2018, hoping that the next editions shall record the new progresses and special achievements of the Romanian Association of Urology.

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