

## ***In memoriam:***



### **ȘERBAN DRAGOMIRESCU**

(April 18, 1932 - May 8, 2022)

In the afternoon of May 8, 2022, three weeks after he turned 90 years old and after a life dedicated to geography, the renowned geographer Șerban Dragomirescu went to heaven.

Professor Șerban Dragomirescu was one of the last scholars in this branch, a long-term researcher, cosmopolitan in intellectual formation and open to all horizons.

He graduated from the Faculty of Geology and Geography at the University of Bucharest (1955), then held the following positions: meteorologist at the General Hydrometeorological Directorate, researcher at the Institute of Geology and Geography of the Academy, (1963-1990), Scientific researcher at the Institute of

Geography of the Romanian Academy, scientific Secretary of the Geonomic Sciences Section of the Romanian Academy and, after retirement, he worked as an associate professor: at the University of Bucharest and Faculty of Archaeology, Academy of Economic Studies in Bucharest, University of Arts in Bucharest, "Titu Maiorescu" University in Bucharest and Media University of Bucharest.

For his majesty's prodigious activity, he received several awards and distinctions: The "Gheorghe Munteanu-Murgoci" Academy Award for the contribution made to the elaboration of the work Geography of Romania, Honorary member of the French Geographical Society, since 2007.

Honored in the country and abroad, by the Romanian Academy and similar institutions in the West, member of Commissions and Committees in the fields of geography and environment, participant in hundreds of congresses and symposia on all continents, Șerban Dragomirescu was one of the most authoritative voices of geography internally and internationally.

He drew up, as author and co-author, volumes of Geography of Romania, Atlas of Romania, Geographical Dictionary, maps, hundreds of studies and articles; wrote studies to some forgotten or little-known personalities, which he introduced into the scientific circuit. He published the famous "Map of Nationalities".

Last but not least, he contributed to the publication of the works of the French scientist Emmanuel de Martonne, the foreigner who wrote the most complex geographical works about Romania.

He worked at the UN, in the field of standardization of geographical names and not only, being highly appreciated for the quality of his knowledge, as well as for his politeness and diplomacy worthy of an intellectual of the greatest nobility.

Elegant and sober like an old aristocrat, Șerban Dragomirescu commanded respect through his pedantic style, eloquence and professional training.