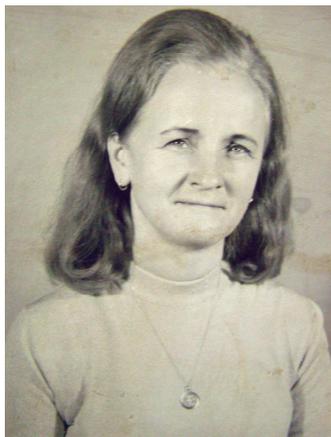


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PROFESSOR PhD VALERIA AMELIA MICALEVICH VELCEA HIGHLY APPRECIATED PERSONALITY OF ROMANIAN GEOGRAPHY

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On 7 February 2014 she would have been 85 years old, having completed many decades of varied activities with great results and influence on both the Romanian higher education in geography and society in general.



She was provided with high quality education both at home and at school, focused on the honesty, respect and thorough thinking that were at the heart of her each and every achievement. As a representative of one of the best generations of graduates of the Faculty of Geography of the University of Bucharest, Prof. Velcea made herself known through her hard work and modern vision. Both her professors and her students regarded her as a great teacher and a scientist of great accomplishments and organizational skills. Due to her hard work, her intelligence and her ability to realistically understand different situations, doubled by her ambition and strong will, all of which centred on discovering the nature and tailoring the research to the present and future social and economic needs, she became a highly appreciated personality.

Her scientific achievements based on documentation and thorough research on the field and in the laboratory can be seen in an impressive collection of notes, articles, books and maps published and presented in Romania as well as abroad. Among those the research on the Carpathians held a special place. At first, the Bucegi Mountains were at the core of a PhD thesis which was actually the first breakthrough of a young teacher who set up a pattern of morphologic approach in an extremely difficult and complex context.

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That was the beginning of a successful career, with various scientific accomplishments that became a significant asset in the Romanian geographic treasure. Among those we mention: “*Geografia fizică a României*”, “*Carpatii si Subcarpatii*”, “*Geomorfologie generală*”, “*Principii si metode de cercetare*” etc.).

Professor PhD. Valeria Velcea was an amazing teacher. Her Geography classes were appreciated due to their scientific value, to the delivery and teaching strategies (short sentences yet rich in content, well-done drawings), to posture and student-centered lessons.

Prof. Velcea was the perfect manager, full of commitment, responsibility, creativity and readiness to answer the needs of the faculty. (she was head of department, dean) or to those of the different commissions within the ministry.

Over the years she had been in charge of the Romanian Society of Geography, encouraging the teaching and scientific activities of the society by organizing different symposium and conferences of physical geography, tourism and agriculture geography. She stood by former students, teachers and students during various Olympiads and school competitions.

**PROFESSOR PhD NICOLAE POPESCU
A REMARKABLE GEOGRAPHY SPECIALIST
OF THE GENERATION AFTER 1960**

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There are many names that can be the basis for defining this chosen personality of the Romanian Geomorphological School and university community of Bucharest. Among them we reveal honesty, ambition, a perfect geographical culture, a proponent of continuous dialogue, proper for the coagulation and promotion of great ideas, an excellent teacher and an extraordinary researcher, a supporter of the truth in life and scientific creation, a man with a high civic sense, who showed a permanent care in supporting and promoting the generations of virtuous students and teachers from the pre – university academic background.

All of these are not the defining features of complacency uttered by a friend and colleague, but can be found in many evocations of his teachers , colleagues, disciples of his 40 series of graduates, or belonging to numerous collaborators from the academic world.

Their background was made up of the native qualities combining special education in the family and one of the most prestigious colleges in Craiova, followed by rigorous academic preparation with a teaching staff of which some personalities have been models in the years that followed.

Moreover , many of these summarizes the string of his life due to the valuable results, as he quickly approached university started affirming himself promptly through research, teaching and becoming a personality in Geography with a worthy record.

Early successes in research have been achieved by the works much appreciated by student scientific circle and in the students' session in Cluj, where he obtained the greatest prize. In the years that followed he

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communicated to numerous national and international scientific meetings over 200 materials out of which about 160 were printed in books and prestigious journals.

There were various problems addressed by him like geomorphology and geography, but they had a special rate on the regional studies: the genesis, evolution and chronology of relief steps (terraces, aprons, levels and areas of erosion, etc.), of river basins, depressions or large geographical units (Carpathians, Dobrogea etc.), morphodynamics of bed and slopes (emphasis on the interrelations between erosion, deposits and specific characteristics of river modeling, mapping and topographic surveys based on rigorous lab tests and applying their own formulas to quantify the volume material eroded or appreciation of chemical denudation, the place of the flowing landslides and mudflows in the evolution of the slopes and of the hills and plateaus; the specific of the alpine landscape relief and much more.

Equally valuable were the achievements of genetic geomorphology reported in Romania (periglacial, foothills, large -scale modeling and geochronology , aprons forming piedmont genesis and the evolution of valleys, Delta etc.) in the design of the geomorphologic legends needed in mapping the required landscapes at different scales, geomorphologic mapping methodology in Romania etc His portfolio also included the results reported in 69 scientific research contracts focused on dominant themes like the dynamic geomorphology impact of human activities on the environment , resource exploitation resorts, coal deposits, the quality and the environmental dynamics of the mountain areas, models of ecotourism development in sustainable development etc.

In 1981 he obtained his Ph.D. in Geography by supporting a work considered by specialists of great scientific and practical value and a geomorphologic model approach in Transylvanian Carpathians space interference.

Added to this there are more essential contributions to geomorphology, the Geography of Romania (vol. I, III, IV), Romanian Danube Geography Encyclopedia, Romanian counties and especially the relief of Romania.

The scientific activity harmoniously combined with an active and responsible presence both in prestigious scientific associations (The Geography Society where he was Vice President, Association of Romania Geomorphology - several years President) in organizing collectives of many national and international scientific meetings (Romanian-French, Italian -Romanian, Romanian-Turkish, Romanian-British), the editorial staff of the most important geographical magazines in the country, but also multiple concerns as manager and design of scientific papers.

At the university and in the faculty he was one of the most dynamic, respected and valued colleagues who climbed through distinct results every step of the academic approach, he held numerous courses (geomorphology, soil erosion and land degradation, Paleogeography, Quaternary Geography, The

Geography of Romania, etc.), he did works in the lab or field practice utterly passionately, with relevant content expressed in understandable phrases and always accompanied by appropriate drawings. He wrote courses for the students, he worked to found the Geomorphology Laboratory, the Research Station at Orșova (Eșelnița), he organized several expeditions with the youth in the Carpathians, he was close to the school teachers with good advice or guidance (in the degree work, he has been a member of numerous committees of student training (for the Olympiads) and each time has been appreciated for accuracy and realism.

All of these qualities and fruitful results led naturally not only to feelings of esteem and appreciation from colleagues and those who knew him, but also to his appraisal by means of honor diplomas from several universities from the country and Europe and from institutions (for two of his works, he received the Romanian Academy Award MEI) and the Jubilee Medal “Simion Mehedinți”.

**27^E COLLOQUE DE L'ASSOCIATION INTERNATIONALE
DE CLIMATOLOGIE
« Climat : système & interactions »
Dijon (France), 2-5 juillet 2014**

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En 2014, le 27^e colloque de l'Association Internationale de Climatologie s'est déroulé du 2 au 5 juillet à Dijon en France, à la Maison des Sciences de l'Homme, les responsables du colloque étant Pierre Camberlin et Yves Richard.

Chaque année, l'un des pays membres de l'Association Internationale de Climatologie (environ trente pays représentés, par exemple: France, Roumanie, Belgique, Maroc, Algérie, Brésil) organise le colloque annuel. Le but de ce colloque est d'encourager les échanges, avec le français comme langue de travail, entre des chercheurs des sciences de différentes disciplines: géographie, sciences de l'atmosphère, sciences de l'environnement.

L'édition 2014 a réuni environ 150 participants de trois continents. La Roumanie a été représentée par des enseignants, doctorants et chercheurs de l'Université de Bucarest (Faculté de Géographie) et de l'Institut Nationale d'Hydrologie et de la Gestion des Eaux : Liliana Zaharia, Gabriela Ioana-Toroimac, Ruth Perju, Florentina-Iuliana Stan et Remus Prăvălie.

Du point de vue scientifique, le thème principal du colloque a été «Climat: système & interactions» et a réuni cinq sous-thèmes: Interactions et changement d'échelles; États de surface; Changement climatique; Impacts du climat; Variabilité et aléas climatiques.

Le 27^e colloque de l'Association Internationale de Climatologie a été ouvert à des communications orales et des posters portant sur tous les thèmes de la climatologie. Toutes les études présentées ont contribué à la connaissance du climat, de son fonctionnement et de ses impacts sur les hommes, les territoires et les écosystèmes.

Le colloque a fait l'objet d'une publication d'actes, remis aux participants à l'ouverture des journées.

Du point de vue socio-culturel, les organisateurs ont proposé aux participants chaque soirée des activités comme : visite du centre de la ville de Dijon, cocktail à l'Hôtel de ville de Dijon, visite et dégustation du vin à la maison Latour, à Aloxe-Corton et dîner au Chateau de Saulon, à Saulon-la-Rue.

Le colloque a été conclu avec une sortie dans des zones viticoles de Côte-d'Or, permettant d'illustrer différentes problématiques des relations climat-vigne.

L'année prochaine, le 28^e colloque de l'Association Internationale de Climatologie se déroulera du mercredi 1er au samedi 4 juillet 2015 à Liège, Belgique, et le thème principal du colloque sera «Modélisation & Variabilités».



27^e Colloque de l'Association Internationale de Climatologie - ouverture du Colloque
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