OBITUARY – SERGIU HAIMOVICI  
(1929-2009)  

Sergiu Haimovici, Professor Emeritus of the “Alexandru Ioan Cuza” University of Iasi, Romania, has died on September 15th, 2009.

Sergiu Haimovici was born in Botosani, Romania, on May 13, 1929. In 1952, he graduated from the Faculty of Sciences, “Alexandru Ioan Cuza” University of Iasi. From January 1st, 1951, he was appointed as teaching assistant at Darwinism, and in the years 1952-1953 he carried on the military service. Seven years later he was promoted to Lecturer, teaching Comparative Anatomy and Histo-Embryology. In 1990 he was appointed Professor, by competition, and since the same year he led Ph.D. students in Comparative Anatomy. 

The first scientific publications have been completed under the guidance of Professor Olga Necrasov. In his scientific career, Sergiu Haimovici has published over 300 papers in professional journals in Romania and abroad. He participated in scientific international meetings in Moscow, Prague, Bratislava, St. Petersburg, Budapest, Liège, Konstanz.

His remarkable qualities as morphologist are found in more than 50 works concerning the nervous, digestive, circulatory, respiratory, and reproductive organs. Sergiu Haimovici professor's name is strongly linked to that of Archaeozoology. Initiated in Iasi, in the fifties, by Olga Necrasov, archaeozoological research was developed especially after the sixties, by Sergiu Haimovici. He defended in 1964 the doctoral thesis with a topic of Archaeozoology (Bronze Age in Romania), led by Olga Necrasov.

With over 250 papers on Archaeozoology, Sergiu Haimovici contributed to the knowledge of different types of relationship between man and animal across the history, from the Mesolithic to the Middle Ages, morphology of animal skeletons, different paleopathological aspects, and distribution of certain animal species in Romania in prehistoric and historic past.

How himself called it, Sergiu Haimovici was "the last Mohican" of the generation that has opened in Romania way of the interdisciplinary science named Archaeozoology. He initiated in Romania the university teaching in Archaeozoology, approaching archaeozoological subjects in the diploma works. Many of the works were published with the students.
Sergiu Haimovici had a close collaboration with the archaeologists and contributed to many complex studies, including archaeological and historical monographs and national syntheses.

As a sign of international gratitude in the field of Archaeozoology, Professor Sergiu Haimovici was appointed honorary member of the International Council of Archaeozoology (ICAZ) - scientific forum in which he directly participated in 1976, along with other personalities in the field.

Professor Sergiu Haimovici continued his prestigious scientific activity until the last day of his life, as an associate of the Faculty of Biology and member of the Interdisciplinary Center of Archaeohistorical Studies, "Alexandru Ioan Cuza" University of Iasi.

His close collaborators, the youngest, but also those closest to his generation, had in the person of Professor Sergiu Haimovici an example of honesty, objectivity and scientific rigor. Due to the style of teaching and research work, but also through his conduct, Professor Sergiu Haimovici was a renowned guide in the professional training of many generations.

Homage to our Professor - Sergiu Haimovici!

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