

## PROFESSOR PhD TOADER CHIFU AT THE 85<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY



On February 27, 2021, we celebrated the 85<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Professor PhD Toader CHIFU. He was born in Târnăuța, (currently in Ukraine) in 27<sup>th</sup> February 1936. He started primary school in 1941, in his native village, Crihănești (Târnăuța), but due to second world war he finished them in 1946 at the Șendriceni School of Applications in Dorohoi. He followed the secondary courses in Pomârla and attended, in the same locality, the courses of the Agricultural Technical High School, which he graduated in 1954. In 1960 he graduated the Faculty of Natural Sciences-Geography of the “Alexandru Ioan Cuza” University in Iași.

His academic career started as assistant professor at the Botany Department of the above mentioned institution (1960-1965). In the next three years he organized the Systematic Section of the Botanic Garden in Iași (1965-1968). From 1968 he was Scientific Researcher in the Geobotany Laboratory of the Romanian Academy (Iași Branch) and since 1976 he coordinated the Department of Terrestrial Ecology of the Biological Research Center in Iași. In 1976-1980 he held courses of Botany and Plant Ecology at the National Agronomical Institute from Alger. Since 1981 he held various courses of plant systematics, taxonomy, and ecology, productivity of ecosystems and others, and since 1995 he is full Professor at the Faculty of Biology.

His research activity is focused on mycology, myco-coenology, botany, phytosociology, and nature conservation and is highlighted by over 180 scientific articles and 11 monographies. For the thesis entitled *Floristic, ecologic-coenologic and economic research of the macromycetes from Neamțului Depression* he was awarded with a PhD diploma in Phytosociology-Mycology (1971). He elaborated important synthesis and monographies of Romanian vegetation as the *Phytosociological diversity of Romania's vegetation* (2014), describing over 1200 syntaxa, or *The floristic and phytosociological diversity of the vegetation in Ceahlău Massif* (2020). He attended and organized numerous scientific expeditions in the country and abroad, in Africa or Europe, and coordinated many research grants. Also he is member in scientific societies from Romania – *Romanian Phytosociological Society* or abroad – *Amicale Internationale de Phytosociologie*.

Professor Dr. Toader Chifu has a great academic and scientific career. He is a man with high moral and professional standards and mentor for numerous PhD students, specialists, collaborators and friends. All his accomplishments were possible due to tenacity, perseverance, and passion with which he approached the field of botany in general, but also due the understanding and support he received from his family. On behalf of all colleagues in the

“Anastasié Fătu” Botanic Garden of Iași, we wish Professor Toader Chifu long years of health, energy to continue his prolific scientific career and all the best for many years to come.

**Happy Anniversary!**

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