

SMALL DICTIONARY OF ROMANIAN DOCTORS FROM BUKOVINA

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The author, an ex-student of the Pediatric Department of the Medical School, who interrupted his studies because of medical reasons and went on attending the courses of the Romance - German Department of the Cernăuți University - finalized, by a considerable effort started in 2011, an old idea suggested within the context of the yearly meetings of the mentioned association, including specialists from the Republic of Moldavia, Romania and Ukraine (1995).

The approach meant the selection of some dozens of bio-bibliographical data of the outstanding personalities of the domain, natives of the ex-Bukovina historical area. His plan was afterwards extended geographically and also from the point of view of the professional information because of the territory reorganization of the present Cernăuți region, which now includes parts of the ex – counties Dorohoi and Hotin, with special reference to Suceava, including the Fălticeni area, as well as some localities previously belonging to Botoșani county. The information sources were especially encyclopedias, monographs, the press of the time (Romanian, Russian, Ukrainian), completed

by oral history methods or questionnaires to significant people. The activity of the subjects was investigated along two lines: professional (in health institutions, dispensaries, polyclinics, hospitals etc.) and scientific (in university or academic area, by publications, scientific titles etc.). Past and present examples are the Doctors and Professors: Vasile Astărăstoie (1949), George Grigorovici (1875-1950), V. A. Săhleanu (1924-1997) and many others. The concise and dense structure of the approach is proved by the name of the personalities, in alphabetical order, the appropriate bibliography and the annex consisting in a table with the staff of the hospital from Siret (28 positions), a locality index meant to illustrate the amplitude of the specialized studies (25) and the list of the host – countries of the professionals (19). Out of the panoply at our disposal we have selected and mentioned some distinctive names, in direct relation with the educational aims of the Cluj Medical School: Ion Gherman (1920-?), Gheorghe and Ion Nandriș (1890-1967), Arcadie Percek (1923-2000) etc.

Animated by the aim of his modest attempt to realize a mutual acknowledgement of Bukovina Romanian doctors in space and time, Dumitru Covalciuc is still aware that the work needs to be continued and extended in a future edition.

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