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**CENTENNIAL VICTOR PREDA (1912-1982)**

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Recently we celebrated the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the birth of Academician Victor Preda. On this occasion, the Department of Molecular Sciences, supported by the local branch of the Romanian Academy and Institute of Biological Research Cluj-Napoca, organized a commemorative scientific session “Academician Victor Preda centenary” which was attended by leading figures of the Iuliu Hațieganu University of Medicine and Pharmacy Cluj-Napoca, colleagues, associates and friends of the esteemed academician.

Victor Preda (1912-1982), studied medicine at the University of Medicine and Pharmacy of Cluj-Napoca (1929-1935). He became Assistant professor at the Anatomy Department in 1933, then lecturer and in 1955 he was elected Professor and Head of the Biology Department. In 1958 he obtained his PhD in Medical Sciences.

The extensive scientific work of Professor Victor Preda, includes a number of over 300 different scientific papers. He is the author of a valuable course for medical

students (1968), and of the 1972 book volume of “Medical genetics”. Author of 10 monographs, he was awarded the Romanian Academy Prize in 1976 for “Regeneration of tissues and organs in vertebrates”, written in collaboration with Professor Octaviana Crăciun, his collaborator for 40 years.

Among the academic positions held by Victor Preda we mention: Dean of the University of Medicine and Pharmacy, Cluj-Napoca (1950-1952), Scientific vice-rector (1958-1963), vice-president of the Scientific Medical Societies Union (1963-1964), secretary of the Romanian Academy (1963-1964), chairman of the Cluj Nature Protection Commission of the Romanian Academy (1975-death), Correspondent member of the Romanian academy (1963) and member of the Romanian Academy (1974).

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