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## In memoriam

### Professor PARASCHIVA-MARILENA OARGA

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(1955-2019)

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Monday, the 5th of August 2019, after long-suffering Professor Dr. Paraschiva-Marilena Oarga, passed away. She was the head of the Occupational Medicine Department at the "Iuliu Hațieganu" University of Medicine and Pharmacy and the director of the Occupational Medicine Unit within the Cluj County Emergency Clinical Hospital from Cluj-Napoca. Her disappearance leaves countless regrets and a great void among those who worked with her, those whom she led during the recent years.

Prof. Marilena Oarga was born on October the 12th 1955 in Gura Râului, located in the Outskirts of Sibiu (Mărginimea Sibiului), places that she remained deeply attached to for her entire life. She attends primary school and high school in Sibiu (Gh. Lazăr High School – graduated in 1974) and afterward in 1980 she graduates from the Medical School of at that time, Cluj-Napoca Institute of Medicine and Pharmacy. The professional career follows all the specific stages for that time: internship (1981-1983), general practitioner in rural areas (Bicaz, Maramureș: 1984-1986 and Măguri-Răcățău, Cluj: 1986-1988), starting from 1988 resident physician in occupational medicine at the Occupational Medicine Clinic from Cluj-Napoca, a workplace that she served conscientiously until the last days of her life. In parallel with the clinical activity, she also embraces the teaching career, passing through all the levels of the university hierarchy: assistant professor, lecturer, associated professor, and in 2006, obtains the professor title. In 2005 she took over the leadership of the Occupational Medicine Clinic from Cluj and continued the work of Professor Aristotel Cocârlă, under whose guidance she developed and accomplished herself professionally. Achieving the highest university degree she had prestigious scientific research as a background, crowned with publications in international journals (Occupational Medicine, Journal of Occupational Health, Archives des Maladies Professionnelles et de Medecine du Travail), the valuable research in the field of pneumoconiosis brought her citations in the most important medical journals and databases.

Her dedication towards the training of students and residents materialized in the elaboration of study manuals dedicated to them (Manual de Medicina Muncii, 2000; Medicina Muncii în Practica Stomatologică, 2001; Medicina Muncii, 2006) and also in the significant contribution to the fulfilment of the most important textbook of Occupational Medicine from our country, published in 2009, under the coordination of Prof. Aristotel Cocârlă (Medicina Ocupațională, 2009).

Beyond the important professional achievements, the human qualities that made Prof. Marilena Oarga a special person remain and we mourn her premature departure from us.

Gentleness, kindness and spiritual warmth accompanied her actions, having as testimony countless patients, generations of students and residents and most of all her colleagues. In troubled times of crossroads she kept alive the flame of the specialty and of the Occupational Medicine Clinic in Cluj-Napoca, and for that, we thank her. we thank her.