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IN MEMORIAM



Professor Aurelia CRIȘAN PhD.
(19.01.1930 – 22.09.2016)

This year, one of the teachers and researchers of the Botany department, Faculty of Biology and Geology Cluj-Napoca – Aurelia Crișan – passed away and left the substantial legacy of her professional activity conducted between 1953 and 1990.

Dr. Aurelia Crișan (born Aurelia Călușeriu in Târgu-Mureș) graduated from high school in Târgu-Mureș in 1949 and from the Faculty of Natural Sciences in 1953, with a diploma of merit. Due to her outstanding professional bachelor results, she was designated by ministerial distribution to teach in higher education as a junior teaching assistant in Phytopathology. From 1953 until mandatory retirement (July 1990) she was, in turn, junior teaching assistant (1953–1954), leading lecturer, laboratory chief, assistant lecturer, assistant professor, and associate professor (1978–1990). On the initiative of the directorate of the Faculty of Biology, Cluj-Napoca, dr. Aurelia Crișan was awarded, after retirement, the title of Honorary Professor.

Of her valuable scientific work, we should mention: obtaining the title PhD. in Phytopathology, in 1962, from the University of Bucharest, by defending her thesis entitled “Contributions to the knowledge and control of *Sclerotinia sclerotiorum* (Lib.) de Bary fungus parasite on sunflower”; the publication of more than 100 scientific papers in field study journals; studying saprophyte and parasite micromycetes from Romania, and publishing some 450 taxa new to the country and 5 taxa new to science; depositing more than 600 taxa in the Babes-Bolyai University Herbarium of Cluj-Napoca (CL) and in other herbarium collections; elucidation of some aspects regarding the chemical and biological control of some parasitic fungi; the receipt of two awards of the Romanian Academy – Emanuel Teodorescu award (in 1980) and Traian Săvulescu award (in 2000) – as the co-author of two scientific books; and contributing to the achievement of several scientific research projects in mycology.

Through her teaching and scientific activity in the Biology department at Cluj-Napoca,

dr. Aurelia Crişan contributed to the education and training of numerous biologists from Alma Mater Napocensis, for whom she wrote with passion and tenacity several books and practical guides in the fields of Mycology and Phytopathology.

For colleagues and generations of students, whose education and training she guided, dr. Aurelia Crişan was an example of passion and accuracy, academic and peer respect, a high class, elegant psychologist. We are grateful for all of these and for being a real mentor to all of us, and we promise to carry forward the values that she impressed with much passion and patience.

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