At the 70th anniversary of Academician Florin Gheorghe Filip

With the appearance of the possibilities of establishing scientific relations between the Republic of Moldova and Romania, that is to say, in 1991, together with a group of colleagues from the Institute of Mathematics and Computer Science of the Academy of Sciences of Moldova (IMCS), I was received at the National Institute for Research and Development in Informatics, Bucharest (ICI), by the director of this prestigious institution Dr. Florin Gheorghe Filip.

The research topics of common interest have been already found starting from the first discussions, and a collaborative and collegiate relationship has been established with some joint research projects.

In the course of time, professor and academician F.G. Filip has accepted to be a member of the advisory board of the newly born Computer Science Journal of Moldova (CSJM), and has participated in defence of some habilitation theses of IMCS researchers. Relations
with IMCS have grown to the relations with the Academy of Sciences of Moldova. Now academician Florin Gheorghe Filip is an honorary member of the Academy of Sciences of Moldova.

Researchers, students, master students and doctoral students from the Republic of Moldova study and draw inspiration from the monographs of Professor F.G. Filip, some of which are included in the bibliography recommended in the curricula of disciplines studied by computer science students at several universities.

Academician F.G. Filip has significant results and an appreciated impact in decision support systems, hierarchical large-scale systems of control and optimization, technology management and foresight, and IT application to the cultural domain. The monographs published in prestigious scientific publishing houses, about 300 articles in journals serve as the evidence.

The scientific community appreciates the merits of researcher F.G. Filip, who is being invited as the lecturer at scientific centers in the United Kingdom, Austria, Brazil, France, Sweden, China, Poland, Germany, the Republic of Moldova, Chechia etc. Academician F.G. Filip has the degree honoris causa of Lucian Blaga University of Sibiu, Valahia University, Târgoviste, Ovidius University, Constanta Ecole Centrale de Lille, France, Polytechnic University of Timisoara, Agora University of Oradea, Academy of Economic Studies of Bucharest, Uni-
versity Petrol-Gaze of Ploiesti, University of Pitesti.

Academician F.G. Filip has an intense organizational and managerial activity: for 10 years, from 2000 till 2010, he was vice-president of the Romanian Academy. In 2010, he was elected as the Head of the Section "Information Science and Technology" of the Romanian Academy. Currently he is the director of the Romanian Academy Library. He has an intensive activity on a European and international scale as a member of the program committees of more than 50 scientific conferences in Europe, USA, South America, Asia and Africa.

Acad. Filip is the founder and Editor-in-Chief of the journal “Studies in Informatics and Control” (1991), and co-founder and Editor-in-Chief of “International Journal of Computers Communications & Control” (2006). He is a member of the editorial staff of several scientific journals, such as:

- Systems Analysis, Modeling and Simulation;
- International J. of Critical Infrastructures;
- Computer Science Journal of Moldova (Chisinau, since 1993);
- Information Technologies and Control;
- Romanian Journal of Information Science and Technology;
- Control Engineering and Applied Informatics (SRAIT);
- Romanian Journal of Informatics and Automatics;
- Romanian Journal of Automatics;
- Technological and Economic Development of Economy
- International Journal of Information Technology & Decision Making (Science Direct);
- Advances in Electrical and Computer Engineering;
- Financial Innovation (Springer, since 2016);
• Journal of System and Management Sciences (Beijing Jiatong Univ., China).

We are glad to have the opportunity to know academician F.G. Filip as a scholar, manager, but also a person with high qualities of character, full of energy, modest, generous man, colleague and friend.

Our heartiest congratulations on his Birthday! We wish him health, happiness and new successes for the prosperity of science!

On behalf of the journal CSJM editorial board and colleagues in IMCS,

*Constantin Gaindric*