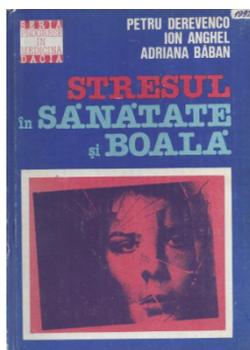


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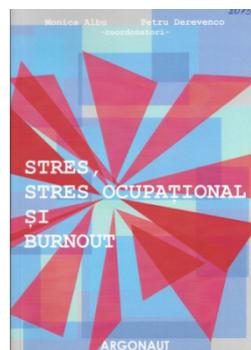
Prof. Dr. Doc. Petru Derevenco (1924-2017)



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Integrating the physiology of the healthy individual, adaptology, exercise, overstrain, stress, endocrinology with psychopathological determinism in psychosomatics, stress-dependent pathology, psychiatry, Prof. Dr. Doc. Petru Derevenco became the founder of the stressology school in Cluj-Napoca.

He was a member of honor of the Academy of Medical Sciences - 1996, principal scientific researcher I, doctor in medical sciences, consultant, university professor; he was awarded the first prize by the Ministry of Education - 1963 and the “Scientific Merit” medal by the Romanian Academy - 1966.

Having a scientific career of more than 60 years, Prof. Dr. Doc. Petru Derevenco carried out complex multidisciplinary experimental and clinical studies, trained and managed specialist teams, presented and published valuable scientific papers in Romania and abroad, contributed chapters to treatises and monographs in the field, which were priorities for Romania.

His published books (spanning 40 years, including a table of contents and an abstract in English) represent – through their content, rich information and the multitude of bibliographic references - real handbooks and guides for ergonomic, sports and medical research and practice:

- *Efortul și sistemul endocrin*. Ed. Dacia, Cluj-Napoca, 1976.

- *Bazele fiziologice ale ergonomiei*. Vol. I (in collaboration with I. Baciu), Ed. Dacia, Cluj-Napoca, 1984.

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- *Some psychological features of children and youth in Romania*. pp. 182-194, In: D. Saklofske, S. Eisenck (eds.), *Individual differences in children and adolescents*, Hodder & Stoughton, London, 1988.

- *Stresul în sănătate și boală*. Ed. Dacia, Cluj-Napoca, 1992 (including 10 chapters, 243 pages, many figures and tables, 635 bibliographic references; in collaboration with

I. Anghel, A. Băban).

- *Elemente de fiziologie ale efortului sportiv*. Ed. Argonaut, Cluj-Napoca, 1998.

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- Albu M., Derevenco P. (eds), *Stres, stres ocupațional și burnout*. 168 pagini Ed. Argonaut, Cluj Napoca, 2015.

The value of Prof. Derevenco's research is also evidenced by his multifactorial, integrated and dynamic approach to stress medicine, through the paradigm: health → stress → disease, in a bio-psycho-social dimension. He presented and published more than 260 scientific papers:

- in Romania, in: *Fiziologia Normală și Patologică; Romanian Journal of Physiology; Fiziologia-Physiology; Studii și Cercetări Medicale* (Cluj-Napoca); *Clujul Medical; Timișoara Medicală; Igiena; Viața Medicală; Revista de Psihologie; Creier, Cogniție, Comportament;*

Palestrica Mileniului III;

- in international journals: *Naturwissenschaften* (Heidelberg); *Agressologie* (Paris); *Journal de Physiologie* (Paris); *Endokrinologie* (Leipzig); *Psychoneuroendocrinology* (London); *Endocrinologia experimentalis*; *Activitas Nervosa Superior* (Prague); *Sportarzt und Sportmedizin* (Cologne); *Medicina dello Sport* (Turin).

In the appearance, qualitative evolution and continuity of the Palestrica of the Third Millennium - Civilization and Sport journal, founded in 2000, Prof. Dr. Doc. Petru Derevenco had a significant role, along with the entire Editorial Board.

In 2014, Prof. Dr. Doc. Petru Derevenco was awarded the *Iuliu Hațieganu Medal* by the Senate of "Iuliu Hațieganu" UMPH, as a sign of appreciation of his entire scientific career.

Through his entire life and work, through his achievements and excellence, Prof. Dr. Doc. Petru Derevenco (1924-2017) entered the Golden Book of medical, scientific and academic Cluj-Napoca.

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The special MAN, Petru Derevenco

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There are times in life when one has the power to recognize having seen a man differently from what he really is, and this is what happened to me at a certain point in my life with the late Prof. Dr. Doc. Petru Derevenco, a doctor in medical sciences, consultant, researcher, member of honor of the Romanian Academy of Medical Sciences. An unfortunate situation in Prof. Derevenco's life made me see him with different eyes, beyond his meritoriously recognized professional and scientific work. His gaze was lost in regret, as he was blaming himself for a possible implication, completely inexistent in fact, in a family disease. The state he was in was a state that we all experience in difficult situations, when we feel useless and even appearances lose their real meaning for us. This is how the distinguished Doctor Derevenco appeared to me, overwhelmed by thoughts and deep sadness.

I know that men do not usually show their feelings and emotions, but somehow it seemed unnatural to me that this man, whom I thought was so proud and completely focused on scientific research, should appear to me in a different light. Being no doubt haunted by the fear of an undesired destiny, he was brought to me by fate so I could try to help him, which was only natural for me. However, that discussion surprised me and made me see someone who was extremely sensitive and definitely more generous and more open than the man I had thought he was before.

He was someone really sympathetic, deeply committed to his vibration, someone who burned like a torch in his wish to do much good. He no longer was just the man of science, but the great family man with a high sense of responsibility, a real rescuer.

Then, in a flash, I remembered Ch. Baudelaire's words, who magnificently said: "Never despise a person's sensibility. Everyone's sensibility is their genius". Such was the great man of science Petre Derevenco, who had become in my eyes a delicate man, eager to help and change an undeserved fate, at any cost, because such people feel at some point a certain tenderness of life, which helps them move forward. Thus, he was completely overwhelmed by the kindness of his heart, which was also the source of his refined education, and also revealed an elegant behavior. His delicacy had become the supreme quality of his good heart, in which intelligence, kindness, altruism, generosity, discretion, magnanimity were blended in a perfect balance.

Many years had passed since that time, and our contacts had become occasional and mainly professional. However, I knew whom to really value. So, last year, when Prof. Derevenco appreciated my last published book, I was happy that this special man managed to allocate some time for me.

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