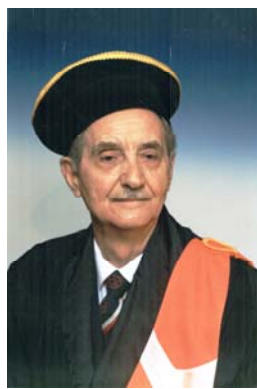


IN MEMORIAM

DHC Univ. Professor Aurel Encuțescu (1924-2010)



Professor Encuțescu left us all on a beautiful summer day on July 21. He was a true intellectual, a genuine teacher, a well-known and admired representative of the academic community in the field of Romanian physical education and sports, a *teacher* whose contribution brought progress in his field of activity, a model for all those who knew him.

He was born in Turnu Severin, in the spring of 1924, on March 30. He studied at the Primary School no. 3, in his native town and then followed courses at the Traian college and at the Dimitrie Alexandru Sturdza Military College in Craiova. In 1940 he entered the Mihai Viteazul Military College in Timișoara, graduating in 1944. During all this period he trained in basketball, handball and athletics at the student Sport Club 44.

His professional career began in the years 1949 and 1950, when he started his teacher training courses in physical education and sports, being appointed as a physical education teacher at the mixed Elementary School no. 2 in Turnu Severin, then at the Pedagogic College in Predeal. Afterwards he taught at the Railway trade School in Cluj and in 1955 he became Secretary of the Știința Sports Club. In 1957 he took his degree at the ICF Bucharest, while in 1958 the prestigious Dinamo in Bucharest appointed him as secretary. In 1963 he became Head of the Education Committee and Education personnel Training within UNCFS, and then moved to Oradea during the period 1965- 1984, after which he retired.

There were also major collaborations with the National School of Coaches, at the University of New Jersey, at the National Institute of Recovery and Rehabilitation in Medical Gymnastics in Milan also.

Throughout his career, Professor Aurel Encuțescu was immersed in the scientific theory of physical education and sport methodologies, be it as a teacher or researcher, or as a manager of an institution.

He demonstrated his passion and love for sport throughout his career. His achievements speak for themselves, if we only talk of his contribution to the formation of valuable teachers over his career span or of his managerial performances. The history of the University of Physical Education and Sports in Oradea was dramatically changed for the better by the Professor's activity between 1965-1984, as a teacher then as Chair, Dean and President of the club. In addition to the halls of gymnastics, rhythm gymnastics, athletics, judo, powerlifting, body building, shooting range, an outdoor complex was created on a 4700sqm surface with a football field, an athletics track, handball, volleyball, basketball courts and outdoor tennis courts. As for winter sports, at Stâna de Vale the Gaudeamus centre and a ski slope were erected. He played a significant part in the establishment and development of the Gh. Anghel University in Drobeta-Turnu Severin as well as the Dimitrie Cantemir Christian University, where the Sports Management Faculty was created.

The multitude of published university lectures and courses, of the rules, programs, books, and scientific works mirror his special interest for the didactic and scientific field.

Due to his organizational qualities, his professional education and the results achieved, he occupied various leading functions in the pre-university and higher education fields, in sports structures as well in commissions on various types of sports.

In international recognition of his activity Prof. A. Encuțescu was co-opted as a member of a number of prestigious intern and international forums and organizations: he was founding member of the Romanian Olympics Academy, founding member of the European Bio-Mechanics Society, member of the International Federation of Physical education and Sports, the European Union of Kinesiology, and the Sports Management European Federation also.

Also in recognition of his outstanding achievements he was awarded many diploma and medals, among which: the Excellence Diploma (MTS), the Medal of Labor, Honor Diploma of CNEFS and Sports Merits Medal.

In 1998 the Senate of the University from Oradea awarded him the title of Doctor *Honoris Causa*, a source of joy and honor for him. In the end, his greatest pride and happiness came from the generations of students whom he took care of and who “granted” him the title of DAD.

Dana Encuțescu
Mihaela Ganciu