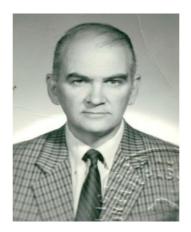
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VIRGIL-GHEORGHE ALEXANDRESCU (1941 - 2013)

Virgil Alexandrescu, Professor, Ph.D., was a distinguished figure amongst the higher education teachers of the "Gheorghe Asachi" Technical University of Iaşi. He taught at the Electrical Engineering faculty's Power Engineering Department, showing great dedication and academic excellence in the noble and demanding task of training and educating young and skilled electrical engineers, for over half a century. After a long and painful suffering, Professor Alexandrescu passed away on April 1st, 2013.

He was born on October 15th, 1941, in the city of Iaşi, as the only son of Aurora and Gheorghe Alexandrescu. His father was an esteemed Latin and Romanian Language and Literature teacher at the "G. Bacovia" High School in Bacău.

After the elementary and middle school studies in Bacău, he graduated from the "G. Bacovia" High School (today "Ferdinand" National College) as the best student of the year, in 1959.

Starting from autumn 1959, he studied at the "Gheorghe Asachi" Polytechnic Institute's Electrical Engineering Faculty and received his B.A. Degree with honours, in June 1964.

After graduation, he returned on November 1st the same year in his faculty, but this time as a teacher. In his long and distinguished academic career, starting as tutor, he continued as Assistant Professor, Lecturer, Associate Professor and, since 1998, Professor. His human and professional qualities recommended him as a young teacher

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and scientific researcher commended him to be sent between 1974 - 1975 to undergo training stages at polytechnic institutes in Moscow, Warsaw and Leningrad (St. Petersburg). He earned his Ph.D. degree in General Electrotehnics, in 1985, at the "Gheorghe Asachi" Polytechnic Institute.

Professor Alexandrescu's entire teaching and research activity was carried out at the Electrical Engineering's Faculty Power Engineering Department, at the "Gheorghe Asachi" Polytechnic Institute and later Technical University from Iaşi, Romania, and it was centered on the electrical systems and networks field of study. Along the years, Professor Alexandrescu taught courses on Electrical Networks, Electricity Transmission and Distribution, Power Systems, Electrical Substations, High Voltage Engineering, Theory of Data Experimentation and Interpretation, Electricity Generation and Distribution Optimization, Computers in Power Engineering.

All his teaching and research activity set a competence and uncompromising conduct example for his faculty and department colleagues. During his academic career, Professor Alexandrescu wrote 4 books in the Power Engineering field, which became excellence references both for young students and trained professionals from the academic medium and industry.

His scientific research activity was one of excellence, and left behind, besides generations of pupils who remember their teacher with reverence, a number of 123 scientific papers published in prestigious journals or presented at international scientific conferences. He was also in the teams of more than 60 scientific research grants and contracts.

In his everyday life, professor Alexandrescu was a truly exquisite person, kind, generous, sensible, dependable and dignified, and he was much appreciated by his colleagues and loved by his family and friends. He is survived by his wife, Monica, to whom he was married from 1965, and their two sons, Gheorghe Virgil and Corneliu Dan, who are both now accomplished men, with technical and economical superior education degrees.

All work colleagues or pupils and research partners who knew Professor Alexandrescu express their deep sorrow now, when he is no more in this world. He will always be remembered as a distinguished professional and friend who served his duty with proficiency, honesty, respect and dignity.

The people amongst who he lived his professional life lost with Professor Virgil-Gheorghe Alexandrescu a dear and irreplaceable colleague, who will never be forgotten.

Gheorghe Georgescu