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PROF. DR. MARIN MARIN IN STANFORD UNIVERSITY'S WORLD RANKING OF SCIENTISTS: THE FIRST 2% OF THE WORLD'S SCIENTISTS

The outstanding professional scientific researcher qualities of Prof. Habil. Dr. Marin Marin, who conducts his activity within the Faculty of Mathematics and Computer Science of Transilvania University of Braşov, are highlighted in an international ranking of scientists.



Stanford University, together with the editorial group Elsevier and SciTech Strategies, published a ranking of the top 2% of scientists in the world (*World Ranking of Scientists*) elected from seven million people in 22 fields of activity. The list is very comprehensive, about 160,000 names by fields, with number of papers, first year of publication, etc. This list also includes the name of the distinguished Prof. Habil. Dr. Marin Marin. The link is the following: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1bUJrvurVVbXSI9eFZRSHFif7tt30-5U/view>

We mention that in 2019 Professor Marin Marin received the high title of *Honoris Causa* Professor from "Ovidius" University of Constanţa, an achievement which highly honours our Faculty.

We further mention a few of his scientific research and teaching results. Prof. Habil. Dr. Marin Marin has an outstanding research and teaching activity. In scientific databases, he has the following Hirsch indices: WOS h-index = 38, Scopus h-index = 37 and Google Academic h-index = 43.

Published papers: 139 WOS, 160 Scopus, 175 Google Academic. The number of citations is impressive: WOS citations 2,342, Scopus citations 2,651, Google Scholar citations 3,467. Also, ResearchGate: 37.32.

Prof. Habil. Dr. Marin Marin is a member in the *editorial board* of several mathematical journals with a high impact factor and an important relative influence score, namely: *Boundary Value Problems*, *Applied Mathematical Modelling* etc. Furthermore, he published, together with Prof. A. Ochsner and Adina Chirilă, a series of specialized books, at the famous Springer publishing house: *Essentials of Partial Differential Equations: with Applications*; *Complements of Higher Mathematics*; *Eigenvalue and Eigenvector Problems in Applied Mechanics*; *Distribution Theory Applied to Differential Equations*.

At the same time, the professor honours us as a member of the Doctoral School, being an active personality; under his deserving guidance, some of the young promising researchers of our team obtained the title of Doctor.

In 2010 he was awarded Transilvania University of Braşov Prize, for publishing in journals with a high impact factor; and in 2012 he received the "Spiru Haret" Award of the Romanian Academy, in recognition of his outstanding research activity.

We are glad that Professor Dr. Marin Marin, an exceptional personality, is part of our team.

With real appreciation, we congratulate you for this recognition of your activity and we wish you good health, dear Professor!

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Nicuşor MINCULETE
Faculty of Mathematics and Computer Science

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THE ROMANIAN EMBASSY IN BEIJING AND TRANSILVANIA UNIVERSITY OF BRAȘOV – PARTNERSHIP FOR THE ONLINE CELEBRATION OF THE NATIONAL DAY

The Romanian Embassy in the People's Republic of China, Mongolia and the Union of Myanmar marked online the National Day of Romania, on 1 December 2020, in partnership with Transilvania University of Brașov.



Under the sign of the pandemic-generated effects, the year 2020 did not allow, the organization of the traditional public activities or receptions, in any of the countries where Romania is represented at diplomatic or consular level; therefore, the Romanian diplomatic missions turned towards the online environment for this anniversary.

Continuing the tradition of good collaboration initiated in the recent years with the Romanian academic environment, Transilvania University of Brașov included, the Romanian Embassy in Beijing benefited from the support of the Faculty of Music and the Music Centre of UNITBV, which offered a special artistic moment featuring young artists, both undergraduate and graduate students, at the invitation of the Embassy.

The show was broadcast by the Romanian Embassy on its *Social Media* channels and was specially designed to bring closer to the audience in

the three countries a series of performances of well-known classical European pieces, but also exceptional reinterpretations of some Romanian pieces, which perfectly synthesize the essence of today's Romania, of a 102-year old Romania, in resonance with the international concert of values and norms, which respects its identity, history, tradition and cultural values, looking proudly and confidently at its European route. The official launch in the virtual space was made by the Romanian Head of Mission, His Excellency Mr. B. Constantinescu, together with the Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of China, His Excellency Qin Gang, visiting the Romanian Embassy to mark the National Day.

In the last three years, the Romanian Embassy in Beijing capitalized at multiple levels on the opportunities for collaboration with the academic and university environment in Romania. Transilvania University of Brașov is one of the academic institutions that has joined many public diplomacy actions organized by the Romanian Embassy and continues to develop special relations with a number of prestigious universities in the People's Republic of China, involving itself withal in research and education activities in Mongolia and the Union of Myanmar.

Ruxandra CIOACĂ
Third Secretary

Romanian Embassy in the People's Republic of China

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ALUMNI DAY, 2020 EDITION, AT THE FACULTY OF PSYCHOLOGY AND EDUCATION SCIENCES

The world has seven wonders, the week - seven days, and the Faculty of Psychology and Education Sciences (FPSE), having reached adolescence, has seven successful alumnae reunited at the now traditional meeting of the students with the graduates. Called after an imaginary catalogue: Florența Dănilă, Amma Iuga, Adriana Prundaru, Stela Codruța Pruteanu, Silvia Solomon, Georgiana Spiridon, Beatrice Stan answered "present" at the meeting with their followers and reunion with their precursors.

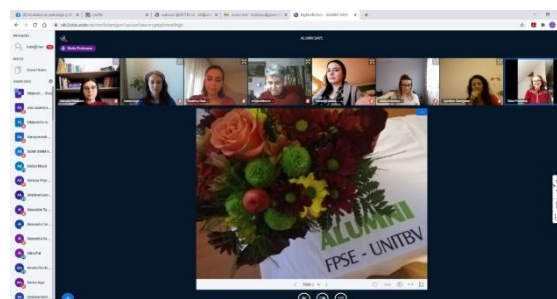


The peculiarity of the meeting was given by the fact that the seeds scattered some time ago by FPSE, as befits any sower, began to take root and sprout, some even had time to bloom, and someone had the inspiration to bring them together, planted them in a fertile ground, whence the promise of even greater fruitfulness for the good of Brașov community.

The ALUMNI DAY 2020 guests on 17 December 2020 are from different classes. They tuned their harmonies in the newly created Hera Foundation in Brașov, under the baton of Mrs. Camelia Clem, and this year they agreed to be inspirational and motivational characters for our students.

How was the meeting? Virtual, as required by the state of our times, but maybe the distance created the space to awaken real emotions, deeply felt by all participants. The strength of the online meeting was its success in generously making up for the number of seats available in any of the faculty rooms. That's how we could be all accommodated, about 100 and even more... But the echoes are most faithfully conveyed by the testimonials of the students in the auditorium who listened to the stories, then asked

questions, found answers, or received as gifts words, thoughts and deeds that gave rise to other questions. Thus, another bridge was created between the generations



Below are just a few of the undergraduate and graduate students' testimonials:

- *Now, I'm proud to be an FPSE student! I am very happy to have the opportunity of meeting such special people with a wonderful life story.*
- *It's the first time I participate in this event and it was the best choice to go online today, to listen to you. I'm glad I had the opportunity to hear the stories of my former high school classmates. I was glad to see you found your way.*
- *I enormously like how the connection between faculty and students is maintained, even after graduation! We thank you for this event, I dare say it benefits us all!*

In addition, it is worth mentioning the feedback of the guests to this ALUMNI DAY edition:

- *I've had a wonderful time, and I cherish and love you for what you have achieved today and for everything you do every day for students and people in general.*
- *I haven't felt so much joy and gratitude in a long time! I am very, very happy to read such words and I am very content that five years ago I chose FPSE and a few months ago I chose Hera!*

Grow beautiful and be proud, ALUMNI FPSE UNITBV!

Lect. Dr. Iolanda BELDIANU
ALUMNI FPSE coordinator
Assoc. Prof. Dr. Daniela PORUMBU,
Socio-economic environment expert, ROSE project

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A MATHEMATICIAN – HONORARY CITIZEN OF SĂCELE MUNICIPALITY

On Wednesday, 16 December 2020, the Mayor of Săcele municipality, Virgil Popa, together with the local councillors Nicoleta Voicescu and Gheorghe Munteanu (coincidence of names with the Professor), the initiators of the draft resolution issued by the Local Council, awarded to Prof. Dr. Gheorghe Munteanu the diploma of Honorary Citizen of Săcele municipality.



From the statement of reasons underlying the decision to grant the title of honorary citizen, we glean:

“Since 1948, year in which the foundations of higher education were laid in Braşov, exceptional professors have guided up to graduation valuable students who form the elite of Braşov. Among the great professors, sons of Săcele, who stood out in the chairs of Transilvania University, there is Prof. Dr. Munteanu Gheorghe. The distinguished mathematician Gheorghe Munteanu is part of the generation of professors who, through their talent and tireless work, laid the foundations of modern mathematics education at the University of Braşov. Under his direct guidance, 12 generations of engineers, over 30 generations of mathematics and computer science teachers, and 5 confirmed doctoral students completed their mathematical training, the Professor instilling in all of them the fondness for exact sciences, the devotion to the school and the love for the generations of pupils and students awaiting them. His involvement has always gone beyond the professional segment, he has worked wholeheartedly and he has succeeded in being a role model for many generations.”

Prof. Dr. Gheorghe Munteanu has become a member of several prestigious scientific and professional associations, such as: Romanian Society of

Mathematical Sciences, American Mathematical Society, American Biographical Institute, reviewer at Mathematical Review, Balkan Geometry Society – society of which he is a founding member.

He published six mathematical monographs, 85 scientific papers reviewed by Mathematical Review, of which 27 articles are indexed Web of Science in journals with relevant impact factor in mathematics, such as: Bulletin of the Korean Mathematical Society, Mediterranean Journal of Mathematics, Journal of Geometry and Physics, Scientific Annals of Ovidius University Constanţa - mathematical series, Journal of Nonlinear Mathematical Physics, Acta Mathematica Scientia, Nonlinear Analysis-Real World Applications, International Journal of Geometric Methods in Modern Physics, etc.

Co-organizer of RIGA 2012 and organizer of the international conference Finsler Extension of Reality 2014, Mr. Professor, a culture lover and founding member of “Popeea Săcele Brothers” ASTRA Division Association invited the conference participants to Săcele where, together with the members of the association, he made a beautiful presentation of the history and traditions of Săcele.

His mathematical activity was rewarded in 2006 with “Gheorghe Țițeica” Prize of the Romanian Academy, after having received Transilvania University of Braşov Award in 2005.

As he is a talented pedagogue and exceptional professor, we are proud to have him part of our team, in the Faculty of Mathematics and Computer Science. He honours us withal with his active participation within the Doctoral School, where he supervised some of our younger colleagues. He enjoys the collaboration and guidance of internationally recognized postdoctoral students such as N. Aldea, C. Ida, N. Voicu.

Now, on the eve of your 70th birthday, the colleagues at the Faculty of Mathematics and Computer Science wish you “Happy birthday, dear Professor!”

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Nicușor MINCULETE
Faculty of Mathematics and Computer Science

EMPLOYER BRANDING WITH DORU ȘUPEALĂ

On 15 December 2020, the Brand Construction course represented for the students at the master's study programme Branding Campaign Management, within the Faculty of Sociology and Communication, a meeting with one of the best marketing specialists.

For several hours, the students had the opportunity to discuss with Doru Șupeală, marketing specialist, the topic of *Employer Branding*, but also other related information.



Doru Șupeală was director of marketing, communication or procurement in several local or multinational companies, including Selgros, IKEA, Betfair, Onyx Beacon, Ramada Brașov or InNuts Fund. Between 1993 and 2000 he was a journalist and manager in the press, radio and TV, in Brașov and other places in the country. He wrote a proximity marketing book and is preparing an Employer Branding manual, based on the research conducted and courses given over the past three years. He was born in Brașov, he lives and works in Cluj-Napoca and Maramureș, but he remained close to Brașov, where his brother's parents and family live.



Doru Șupeală is at the same time marketing and business consultant, Managing Partner of SPOR - School for Responsible People and Head of Marketing of an IT company headquartered in London and Cluj-Napoca.

Although the activities took place in the online environment, the meeting with Doru Șupeală was extremely pleasant both for the graduate students and for the students at other programmes such as Communication and Public Relations and Digital Media.

Employer Branding was the topic of interest for the participating students; it started with a brainstorming session and then continued for two hours with Doru Șupeală's presentation, who emphasized its most important aspects; then, towards the end of the course, a question and answer session took place, in which the interaction between the guest and the students was at a high level.



Of course, the feedback from students did not miss, just like the invitation to discuss and give new courses on other topics; hence the students, following this meeting, have eventually found out what *Employer Branding* does, whom it benefits and what results it brings.

Sidonia Cristina ILISAN, graduate student
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Faculty of Sociology and Communication
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Employer Branding in the Post-COVID World

IISS INTERNATIONAL STUDENT SYMPOSIUM

The first edition of *International Student Symposium* (IISS), a multidisciplinary online event organized by eight institutions from three continents, including Transilvania University of Braşov, took place between 10 and 12 December 2020.



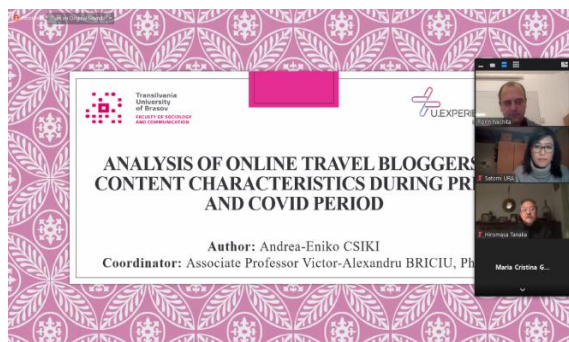
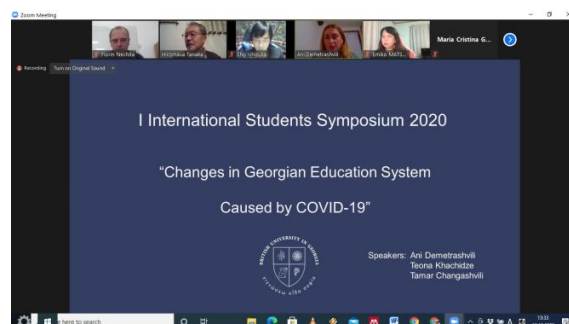
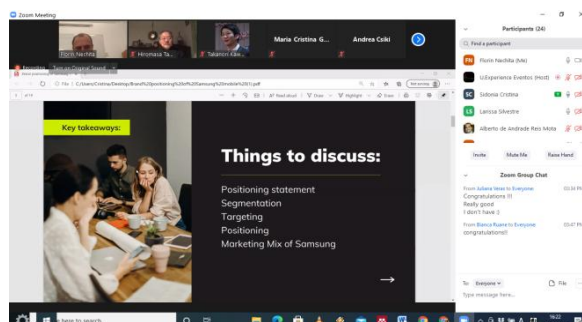
The other organizing institutions were U.Experience (Brazil), Meisei University (Japan), Free University of Bozen-Bolzano (Italy), British Teaching University of Georgia (Georgia), Western Caspian University (Azerbaijan), Sathyabama Institute of Science and Technology (India) and City University of Macau (China).



From our university, two students of the Faculty of Law (Ioana-Cătălina Guiman and Darius Sebastian Cupu) and two graduate students of the Faculty of Sociology and Communication (Sidonia-Cristina Ilisan and Eniko-Andrea Csiki) presented their papers.

The conference, accessible at the address <https://www.even3.com.br/iiss2020/> also included a presentation session of the organizing universities. The other sections focused on fields such as: *Business, Administration and Law; Health*

and Welfare; Social Sciences, Journalism and Education; Mixed Fields și Ph.D. Theses.



The high level of the research presented, the coordinators' participation and support, as well as the other guests' feedback succeeded in enlivening this multidisciplinary event, each participant considering that the involvement in such an international scientific event is an important step in personal and professional development.

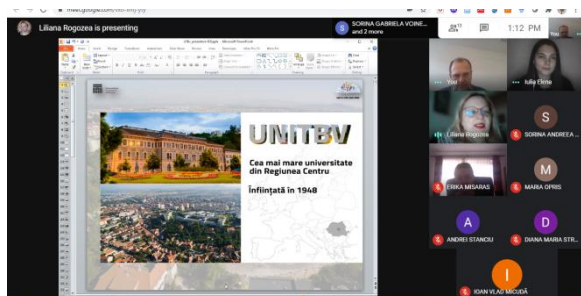
Lector Dr. Florin NECHITA, Vice-Dean
Faculty of Sociology and Communication

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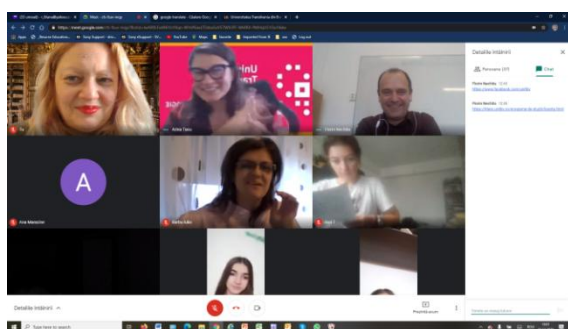
EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IN DIVERSITY

“Equal Opportunities in Diversity” project (CNFIS-FDI-2020-0562) has come to an end, but the activity within the project will continue in 2021.

Improved quality of life for students, by the integrated approach to their needs and by increasing their accessibility to education under pandemic conditions are just two of the objectives of the project achieved through the team members’ activity.



The UNITBV promotion campaign, carried out by the students at Communication and Public Relations study programme since June, continued in December 2020; moreover, the campaign for the spring of 2021 was prepared. If initially the campaign was designed in a classic format, under the current pandemic conditions the campaign was conducted only online.



Increasing the professional competence of the teaching, auxiliary and non-teaching personnel in order to integrate students at social, medical or disability risk was ensured by the proposed guides

(Psychological profile of the students with disabilities, Guide of good practices in communication with the students with disabilities, Guide for making teaching materials online for the students with hearing and visual impairments, etc.) made by teaching personnel and students from the Faculties of Psychology and education sciences, Sociology and communication, Product design and environment.

The platform edu.unitbv.ro made within the project was not only a real support in conducting, under the current conditions, the preparation for Baccalaureate organized by UNITBV through the Faculties of Letters and Mathematics-Computer Science, but also an efficient channel of communication with the teachers in pre-university education.

Furthermore, because the pandemic is a factor likely to influence the interaction of the students at medical risk with the university structures, the activity on the university’s infocovid chat platform continued, too.



Prof. Dr. Med. Liliana ROGOZEA,
Vice-Rector for Public Relations
Assoc. Prof. Dr. Med. Florin LEAȘU

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THREE TIMES "HAVING A TALK WITH..." AT RADIO CAMPUS TRANSILVANIA

Through the project *Radio Campus Transilvania* we always succeed in highlighting the most beautiful and interesting topics that target and attract students.

One of the most broadcast shows is, without a doubt, "Having a talk with...", a radio show format in which we invite representatives of Transilvania University of Braşov, as well as other personalities in different fields of activity.

Is there a connection between the professor of sport and physical education, the one of medicine and the expert in psychology?

We at *Radio Campus Transilvania* have discovered that there are things in common that are worth discussing and conveying to the general public, in order to overcome this difficult period generated by the COVID-19 virus, both socially and emotionally.



We discussed the pandemic and how to deal with it with the Vice-Dean of the Faculty of Medicine, Prof. Dr. Petru Ifteni on 3 December, 2020, with the Vice-Dean of the Faculty of Psychology and Education Sciences, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Ana-Maria Cazan on 10 December 2020, and with the Dean of the Faculty of Physical Education and Mountain Sports, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Ioan Turcu on 17 December 2020.

Together with them, we discussed the most interesting topics: the importance of physical movement, self-motivation, socialization, maintaining intellectual activity and much more.

Because we are in this difficult period, we discovered that the pandemic forced us all to adapt to new rules of education, the online platform being the only way to keep in touch between our professors and us students.

We all want to return to the normal didactic activities, since it is the only way in which learning, emotions and socialization keep their natural parameters. Stress avoidance and the ways to combat stress, as well as inner balance are the common topics we addressed.



Hence self-motivation is found in everything we want or are going to implement in our lives. The secret for us to stay proactive is in each person and in their goals. Let's not forget to be consistent in the activities we carry out, and to find the inner balance we need.

We all know that a healthy mind can be found in a healthy body. Involvement and adoption of a balanced lifestyle can help you when you want to stand out. Of course, let us not forget that if we don't do what we love, it is very difficult to reach the state of fulfilment - fulfilment with our own self.

Because stress has come to steal our lives, we have discovered some of the things that can help us fight or at least turn stressful periods into quieter ones. Practicing a sport, reading a good book or even going to a psychologist can help us get rid of the stress accumulated during a difficult period experienced by us. Stress not only makes our work difficult, but can also develop conditions such as depression or anxiety

It is necessary to find a mediator through which not to let ourselves be “eaten” by the things we encounter in everyday life. To learn to be different, to think differently, to be good with ourselves, and only then will we be good with the others in our lives!



- *"To know means power, means health!",* this is what Assoc. Prof. Dr. Petru Ifteni told us. We totally agree with this, because

education is the main source for all the activities and actions we carry out.

- *"Let's do what we like, but let's do it right!"* - Assoc. Prof. Dr. Ioan Turcu supports the quality work, not the thing that needs to be done only to be ticked on a list.
- *"We are responsible for everything we do!"* – Assoc. Prof. Dr. Ana-Maria Cazan offered us the most beautiful lesson of self-awareness and joy of the fact that we are made of beauty!

Our shows can be watched both on the radio's website (rct.unitbv.ro), and on the Facebook page - *Radio Campus Transilvania*, where the *live* shows are also broadcast.

Arina-Codrina TACU,
Radio Campus Transilvania
2nd year student, Communication and Public
Relations

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INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY IN THE CURRENT TIMES

The inaugural meeting of the project ERASMUS + Strategic Partnerships for Higher Education ERASMUS+ *Strategic Partnerships for Higher Education* entitled *Introducing Intellectual Property Education for Lifelong Learning and the Knowledge Economy* (IPEDU) took place between 15 and 17 December 2020.



Co-funded by the
Erasmus+ Programme
of the European Union

The project will develop innovative teaching tools that will help the academic personnel acquire the skills and competences needed to offer courses in the field of intellectual property to students at technical universities.

The project was approved as an extremely innovative one capable of both improving the current state of education in the field of intellectual property and strengthening cooperation between universities and the business environment, actively responding to the needs of the labour market.



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LIMERICK INSTITUTE
OF TECHNOLOGY

The project coordinator is *Limerick Institute of Technology*, Ireland, and the partners are:

Transilvania University of Braşov, Romania, MB Thinktank, Romania, *University of Crete*, Greece, *Dresden University of Technology*, Germany, *Politehnic University of Valencia*, Spain, *Politehnic Institute of Porto*, Portugal, *University of Ljubljana*, Slovenia and *University of Zagreb*, Croatia.

The intellectual results are the tangible results of the project (such as the curriculum covering the topics: Introduction to intellectual property; Patents, industrial models and models; Trademarks and geographical indications; Protection and enforcement of intellectual property; Open pedagogical and educational resources; IT tools; Analyses, studies, peer learning methods, etc.).

The team of Transilvania University of Braşov is an interdisciplinary team with professors from the faculties of Product Design and Environment, Technological Engineering and Industrial Management, and Law.

The achievements of the project will be disseminated within the university, we will organize training sessions and we will collaborate with the university incubator.

We are waiting for interested colleagues to join the project team.

Prof. Dr. Eng., Dr. Marketing Angela REPANOVICI
UNITBV Project Coordinator

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INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON THE SCIENCE OF MUSIC - EXCELLENCE IN PERFORMANCE - 10TH EDITION

The 10th edition of the International Conference "The Science of Music - Excellence in Performance", organized by the Faculty of Music of Transilvania University of Braşov", took place between 27 and 28 November 2020. Due to the restrictions imposed, this edition took place online, but this challenge was not an obstacle for the participants in this unique scientific event. Like the previous editions of the conference, organized by Prof. Dr. Mădălina Rucsanda, Dean of the Faculty of Music, and Prof. Dr. Ioan Oarcea, the 10th edition offered the participants the opportunity to share the results obtained from the undertaken research, to participate in many interesting debates, to enrich themselves as a result of meeting personalities from the national or international music world.



The conference included the following thematic areas: Musicology, Composition, Music Pedagogy, Performing Arts, Ethnomusicology and Ethnology, Cultural Management.

The festive opening of the conference was followed by a four-hand recital given by Prof. Dr. Corina Ibănescu and Drd. Ana-Maria Negrea, from the Faculty of Music, a musical moment broadcast online and greeted with keen interest by the participants. On the first day of the conference, pre-recorded presentations were made by the participants who opted for this variant of presentation. The online presentation session of the papers proposed for this edition took place on

the second day of the conference. Among the participants there were professors, musicians and doctoral students from the country, but also from abroad (Portugal, England, Spain).

The materials with a diverse set of themes, presented in English, Romanian or French, were watched with interest by the participants, but also by the students and professors of the Faculty of Music in Braşov.

Recital de pian la patru mâini

Prof. univ. dr. Corina IBĂNESCU - pian
Drd. Ana-Maria NEGREA - pian

- Gabriel Fauré – Sulta Dolly, op. 56
- Johannes Brahms – Vals în La major, op. 39 nr. 15
- Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart – Andante în Sol major, KV 501
- Ludwig van Beethoven – Mars turcesc (aranşament de Adolf Ruthardt)
- Dinu Lipatti – Măşul lui Henri, WoO. – B.46
- Constantin Silvestri – Jocuri populare româneşti din Transilvania

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The presence of professors from other art universities, such as the University of Arts *George Enescu* of Iași, the Academy of Music *Gheorghe Dima* of Cluj-Napoca, the National University of Music in Bucharest, *Ovidius* University of Arts in Constanța or the West University of Timișoara proves once again the importance and the echo that the conference organized by the Faculty of Music within Transilvania University of Braşov has on a national level.

The visibility of this scientific event in the international landscape is confirmed this year as well by the presence of representatives of institutions such as Evora University in Portugal or Royal Academy of Music, London - Leeds Conservatory in Great Britain. We are convinced that in the coming years this event will become an important meeting place for researchers, performers, pedagogues, doctoral students and students passionate about the many possibilities of approach offered by the field of music.

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Noémi KARÁCSONY
Faculty of Music

“THE EVENING OF SAINT NICHOLAS” – THE CONCERT SEASON OF TRANSILVANIA UNIVERSITY OF BRAȘOV 2020-2021

The evening of 6 December 2020 brought to the attention of Brașov audience a unique moment: on the occasion of the feast of St. Nicholas, the Music Centre of Transilvania University of Brașov prepared a special gift, broadcasting on the web page of Transilvania University and on the Facebook page of the Music Centre a collage that includes musical moments extracted from the concerts of Santa Claus prepared in the eight years of activity.



The online event started with the pianist Valentin Mureșan, who delighted us with *Scherzo in B flat minor*, op. 31, no. 2 by Frederic Chopin, an exuberant work, full of sensitivity and passion, presented in a polished and refined interpretation.

The evening continued with the *Baroco* Ensemble, consisting of Előd Gabor – violin, Magdalena Lazăr – violin, Ioana Vlad – cello, Valentin Mureșan – harpsichord. The young artists performed *Concerto grosso nr. 8* by Arcangelo Corelli, one of the most famous works of the Italian composer. The ensemble's performance was special, standing out through its perfect synchronization, sonority and technique specific to musical baroque.

The next piece in the programme, *Navarra for two violins and piano* op. 33 by Pablo de Sarasate was performed by Valentin Șerban (violin), Bogdan Costache (violin) and Alexandra Fits (piano). The technical and interpretative difficulties of the work were masterfully solved by the performers, who rendered the score with great ease, temperament and elegance.

Together with the Chamber Ensemble of the students at the Faculty of Music in Brașov, Alexandra Fits delighted the music-loving audience with two songs by Charles Aznavour: “For me formidable” and “Je m’voyais déjà”, the overflowing emotion and energy of which were conveyed to the audience through a sensitive interpretation.

The magic of the evening was led further by the soprano Mădălina Bourceanu, the violinist Bogdan Costache and the pianist Ovidiu Mezei; the program proposed by the three artists delighting the audience.

The young pianist Botond Szőcs captivated the audience with *Spanish Rhapsody* by Franz Liszt, which is a “touchstone” for any pianist. The young artist was not overwhelmed by the technical difficulties, but shone through an extraordinary virtuosity and a very well-developed musical sense.

The event continued with the vocal quintet Anatoly, formed by the singers Andrada Mureșan, Marius Modiga, Ciprian Cucu, Gabriel Baciu and Ciprian Țuțu. The arrangement of the piece *Ciao Bella, ciao*, adapted for the quintet was a real surprise for the music-loving audience.

The evening could not have ended without the Chamber Orchestra of Transilvania University of Brașov, conducted by the master Traian Ichim. *Libertango* by Astor Piazzola, a genuine music jewel, was performed with sensitivity, passion and elegance; the orchestra, together with the conductor, building the perfect atmosphere.

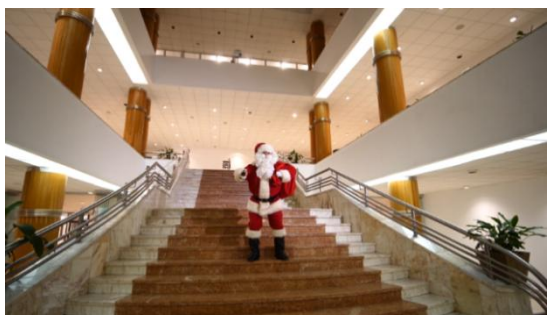
This musical gift presented on the eve of the holidays succeeded in impressing the audience who, although only in front of the screens, enjoyed a magical evening, full of light and joy.

Diana ICHIM, 4th year
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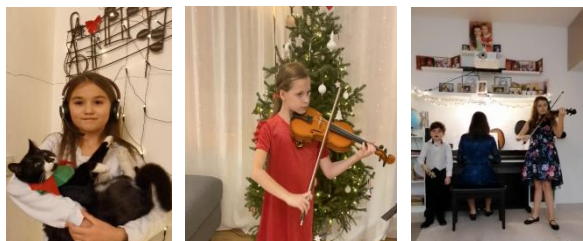
WAITING FOR SANTA CLAUS. ONLINE CONCERT

Every year, "Sergiu Chiriacescu" Aula of Transilvania of Braşov was overcrowded. Parents, grandparents and especially the young people, in their tender age, their elder or younger friends and colleagues would gather to celebrate the Lord's birth – some as spectators, others as carollers. And yes, we admit, we were very happy that, in the end, Santa Claus appeared, full of gifts.



We have certainly created a beautiful and enduring tradition because the year 2020, with all its challenges, could not annihilate the little ones' love for music, their longing for rehearsals and especially for the stage, their joy of sharing, on such a special occasion, a good thought in welcoming the winter holidays.

It took a little spark, one to which both children and parents responded immediately. Therefore, in about two or three weeks we got organized and managed to create a show that we moved to the online environment.

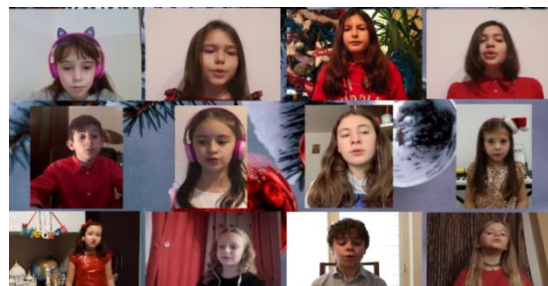


In general, there is skepticism about any online activity - I agree with some aspects, but given the situation, I think the most important thing is to know (or be open) to adapt. We realized that and, in addition to the fact that our event was a real success, behind the curtain we discovered such a great energy, a desire to restore the balance in our lives (through activities that are fond of, through things that bring us joy) and a collective involvement that overwhelmed me and made me grateful for the beautiful team I coordinate.

For several years, the children's choir of Transilvania University of Braşov – *Merry Camerata* has been performing this concert with 3rd-year students at the Faculty of Psychology and Education Sciences - study programme: Pedagogy of primary and preschool education. The year 2020 was no exception, the students promptly responded to our invitation



Moreover, as we are friendly and we like to receive people in our community of music and beauty lovers, we had a few guests: Andrei Țuțu (voice), Ștefania Țuțu (violin), Teodora Țuțu (piano), Iuliana Ioana Chircea (piano), Albert Bodi (piano), Natalia Preda (violin), student Alecsă Giorgiana Alexandra (voice), Ivan Adrian (voice), Antonia Nicolau (voice). The repertoire included carols and winter songs from the national and, as a challenge, international music treasure.



However, the whole approach would not have been complete without the involvement of the actor Marius Stroe who created the fairy-tale environment that we sprinkled with musical moments and, of course, without the remarks and wishes of Tudor Botescu-Sirețeanu, a basic member of *Merry Camerata* choir.

The concert was coordinated by the doctoral students Iuliana Isac, Vlad Isac, and by Prof. Dr. Mădălina Rucsanda, Dean of the Faculty of Music.

Iuliana ISAC
Drd. Faculty of Music

THE CHRISTMAS CONCERT OF THE FACULTY OF MUSIC

Christmas Eve was celebrated in a special way this year. The conditions of social distancing did not allow a traditional concert. The students of the Faculty of Music within Transilvania University of Braşov could not interrupt the tradition and held an online recital attended by a large number of participants.



"Home for Christmas", as the title of this special artistic event suggested, represented a musical corollary, which combined the traditional Romanian carol with the folklore, but also with the international repertoire.

The Dean of the Faculty of Music, Prof. Dr. Mădălina Rucsanda, coordinated the programme offered by talented artists - students and doctoral students of the faculty, guided by Prof. Dr. Stela Drăgulin, Prof. Assoc. Dr. Claudia Ligia Țuteu, who also made the video editing of the show, Prof. Assoc. Drd. Anda Pop, Prof. Assoc. Dr. Valentin Muntean, Prof. Assoc. George Muraru and Prof. Assoc. Drd. Liviu Ioan Iosif.

The program was varied and extensive, so that the listeners could enjoy the traditional Romanian carols, such as "O, ce veste minunată" [Oh, what wonderful news] or "Sus, la poarta Raiului" [Up, at the gate of Heaven], performed simultaneously by

14 students wearing traditional Romanian folk costumes.

The show was continued by pop music soloists, who chose music pieces from the Romanian and international repertoire. The longing for the stage was also felt in their messages which, in addition to wishes, expressed their desire to return to the stage as soon as possible, with an audience as large as possible.

The students' collective appearances crowned the soloists' outstanding performances, with the song "Santa Claus is coming to town", in a *cappella* manner and with the wonderful composition "Winter", on the music of Andrei Tudor and the lyrics of Andrea Andrei.

The message and emotion reached the spectators' houses, permanently delighted by the manifestations and musical surprises of the Faculty of Music.

Social distancing is not an impediment and, although the emotion in the concert hall is different and special, the music is still present even during this period, since the students and professors worked with the same passion and dedication.

The feedback was special, the music making a special connection on Christmas Eve, and time flew by, the over 60 minutes of music leaving behind an even greater desire to see us again at the next musical events of the Faculty of Music.

Prof. Assoc. Dr. Claudia ȚUTEU
Faculty of Music

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VIOLIN AND PIANO RECITAL WITH FLORIN IONESCU-GALAȚI AND CORINA IBĂNESCU

The last concert of 2020 brought, during the Season, on the stage of "Sergiu Chiriacescu" Aula of Transilvania University of Braşov, two personalities who crown the meaning of the term "artist" with complete and withal most complex attributes.



The violinist Florin Ionescu-Galați – soloist of Braşov Philharmonic, and the pianist Corina Ibănescu – professor at Transilvania University – proposed a diverse programme, representative for the musical-historical currents from which the music pieces were selected, thus managing to capitalize, once again, on the interpretive versatility, as well as the potential to collaborate towards the realization of a unitary chamber ensemble. Certainly, the listener caught this potential in the theme of the first part of Mozart's *Sonata for violin and piano in E minor*, where the melodic construction and its materialization in the sound of the two instruments succeeded in attaining, in all aspects of the interpretation, a refinement close to perfection.

In particular, the impression produced by Schubert's *Ave Maria* (with some later extension in Massenet's *Meditation*) persisted, more precisely the deep humility connoted in the sound retained this time, by the violinist's introspective posture.

We, the ones who listened to the recital, would like to transmit the performer that his emotions during the performance reached us as well.

However, such a diverse interpretive palette could not miss the moment of virtuosity, offered by Corelli's *La Follia*, by Kreisler's well-known triptych of violin and piano miniatures, and, finally, by Monti's much-loved *Csardas*. The two performers, true emissaries of music (in particular) and Art (in general), realized this moment in a natural and playful manner.

Hence, sincerity, refinement, exuberance, are some of the words that could accurately capture the defining lines of the recital of 18 December 2020, for which we are convinced that the audience has every reason to be grateful to the Music Center of Transilvania University, as it made possible the contact with these two personalities who give value to Braşov and not only.

Drd. Magdalena LAZĂR
Faculty of Music

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SUCCESSFUL ALUMNI – ADELA CHIVĂREAN

I am Adela Chivărean, I was born in Braşov in 1990 and I am a restorer of cultural goods. That in short. The longer story is that I had a beautiful childhood, a typical childhood for Braşov, with the winters skiing and the summers outside.



I have always lived in a small community with a strong Saxon influence, but I travelled a lot with my parents. By the age of 10, I had already seen all of Europe and up to 20, other continents. My life has always been linked to art and culture through these trips.



I graduated from “Andrei Şaguna” National College and I attended the courses of Transilvania University of Braşov, both at the Faculty of Letters and at the Faculty of Furniture Design and Wood Engineering.

During all this time, I was also a student at other universities through mobility programmes (in Ireland and Portugal). I did my best to make my training thorough and, after finishing my master’s degree (Eco-design of furniture and restoration) I worked for a while as a restorer in Austria.



I returned to the country in 2015 and started investing all my resources in what would become “The Wood Doctor”. The company’s projects involve saving and capitalizing on heritage objects, but also creating interior design concepts.

From 2015 until now, the company has grown organically, we have a base of several hundred customers and many active projects.

In the future, I see myself doing the same thing, only at a higher level. I want to expand my studio and team, as well as to make my work more visible. I believe that in Romania a lot of work is needed in education and culture and I am proud of the people of my generation who are doing something in this direction.

Adela CHIVĂREAN

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PROFESSORS WE TAKE PRIDE IN

Given that this year the Faculty of Psychology and Education Sciences celebrates 16 years from its establishment as a stand-alone faculty within Transilvania University of Braşov, we consider ourselves a beautiful example of human resource reinvestment in consolidating and developing the institution in which a great many discovered the ABC of their profession.

A memorable moment dates back in late 2019, when meetings were still possible, at *Alumni Days*, by noon, when we – students, professors and graduates, gathered at “Sergiu Chiriacescu” Aula of UNITBV and our faculty chose to present itself with an eminent group of successful PSE alumni, thus facilitating knowledge and re-knowledge as belonging to the same academic entity, as a common root that unites us and from which we draw juice over time.



Part of PSE ALUMNI team, today professors of the Faculty of Psychology and Education Sciences

In the 16 years from the capstone laid by Prof. Rodica Niculescu, Prof. Doina Usaci, Prof. Stan Panţuru, Prof. Marcela Luca, Prof. Doina Păcurar to FPSE foundation, 12 FPSE alumni chose either not to leave the faculty or to return after a professional stage elsewhere. Consistent with the faculty ‘slogan “Invest in yourself to be a resource for others!”, they passed from benches to chair, remaining thus permanently connected to student life.

Our former students, from different promotions and specializations, today professors of the faculty in which they built themselves, represented FPSE with honour and pride at *Alumni Days*, 3rd edition, in double quality – of ALUMNI and of professionals in training specialists in education sciences and psychology.

Many educators, countless kindergarten and school teachers from schools in Brasov or in the country, as well as psychologists, psychotherapists, trainers and human resources specialists, pass through their hands every year. They, now as professors, are role models for the generations that are being formed.

Our guild and department colleagues:

1. Assoc. Prof. Dr. Ana Maria Cazan, Vice-Dean (research, computerization and didactic activity);
2. Lect. Dr. Oana Bota, Vice-Dean (students, quality and socio-economic environment);
3. Assoc. Prof. Dr. Daniela Necşoi, FPSE representative in the Senate of UNITBV;
4. Lect. Dr. Marius Bazgan – coordinator ID – PIPP programme;
5. Assoc. Prof. Dr. Daniela Porumbu, specialized practice coordinator;
6. Assoc. Prof. Dr. Camelia Truţa –CICOC coordinator;
7. Lect. Dr. Ecaterina Maria Unianu, UNITBV Kindergarten coordinator;
8. Lect. Dr. Ramona Henter, ERASMUS+ coordinator;
9. Lect. Dr. Dana Popa, collaborator in international projects;
10. Lect. Dr. Ioana Roxana Topală – member in CICOC team;
11. Assist. Prof. Dr. Alina Turculeţ, co-officer for the psycho-pedagogical module level 1;
12. Assist. Prof. Dr. Raluca Nicoleta Lupu – the newest adherent to FPSE team.

All twelve are doctors in psychology or education sciences and teach subjects related to their academic skills, in the awareness that, for the “growth” and formation of a dedicated professor and psychologist, in addition to genetic and personality data, in-depth pedagogical knowledge is essential, just like in-depth knowledge of the self and man

We believe that the FPSE team is one of the richest in human resources reinvested and involved in teaching and research, trained within UNITBV, having remained to contribute to the development of Transilvania University of Braşov.

Lect. Dr. Iolanda BELDIANU
ALUMNI FPSE coordinator