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## GALA OF VALEDICTORIANS AT TRANSILVANIA UNIVERSITY OF BRAȘOV

On Wednesday, 21 June 2023, "Sergiu T. Chiriacescu" Conference Centre of UNITBV hosted the 2023 Gala of Valedictorians, more precisely the students - graduates of the bachelor's degree cycle (class of 2023) who obtained the highest multiannual average mark within the faculties they completed.



The Rector of Transilvania University of Brasov, Prof. dr. Eng. Ioan Vasile Abrudan, the Vice-rector for Students and the Liaison with the Economic Environment, Prof. dr. Eng. Daniel Munteanu, and the deans of faculties congratulated the 20 top-performing graduates and expressed their gratitude for the latter's academic performance.

The graduates - valedictorians of the 2023 class were: Eduard David Diosadi - Faculty of Mechanical Engineering, Gabriela Alexandra Bădicu - Faculty of Technological Engineering and Industrial Management, Mădălina Nicoleta Stan - Faculty of Materials Science and Engineering, Diana Alexandra Apetrei and Mihaela Iulia Găitănar - Faculty of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science, Andrei Avasiloaie - Faculty of Silviculture and Forest Engineering, Roxana Gall - Faculty of Furniture Design and Wood Engineering, Kazmer Foszto - Faculty of Civil Engineering, Cristina Popa - Faculty of Food and Tourism, Larisa Simona Bran - Faculty of Product Design and Environment, Cristian George Fieraru - Faculty of Mathematics and Computer Science, Vlad Cristian Stoian - Faculty of Economic Sciences and Business Administration, Elena Natașa Dinu - Faculty of Psychology and Education Sciences, Melissa Ioana Roman - Faculty of Physical Education and Mountain Sports, Ioana Mîrți and Vasiliță Ciprian Cucu (both of them with the average mark of 10) - Faculty of Music, Alexandra Georgiana Dobrescu - Faculty of Medicine, Elena Gabriela Lung - Faculty of

Letters, Darius Cupu - Faculty of Law, Monica Camelia Soos - Faculty of Sociology and Communication.



The deans of faculties briefly presented the top-performing students; and each awarded graduate thanked their professors and loved ones and expressed their forward-looking thoughts.

The graduates - valedictorians received from the university various prizes consisting in objects, as well as 1,000 RON each, which is the value of the *Valedictorian* Special Scholarship. Moreover, those who will continue to study at UNITBV in master's degree programmes will participate, during the 2023 - 2024 academic year, in an external trip for exchange of experiences and good practices.



During the same festivity, *Transilvania* excellence scholarship award (worth 2,500 RON) was granted to Mihai Florian Miu, a student at the Faculty of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science, for special extracurricular activities.

Prof. dr. Eng. Daniel MUNTEANU  
Vice-Rector for Students and the Liaison with the  
Economic and Socio-cultural Environment

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## UNITBV BECOMES A FULL FLEDGED MEMBER IN THE UNITA ALLIANCE



On 3 July 2023, the European Commission's decision to approve the funding for another four years of the UNITA consortium, in which Transilvania University of Braşov also belongs, was published. The total funding of the consortium amounts to 14.4 million euros.

The UNITA Alliance – “Universitas Montium”, of which UNITBV is part as a full-fledged member as of this year, will continue its activity until 2027, contributing to the higher-education reconfiguration strategy in the European Union. UNITBV joined the UNITA alliance as early as 2021 as an associated member. Starting this year, along with another 9 European universities, Transilvania University is a full-fledged member.

As a member of the UNITA consortium, Transilvania University of Braşov was allocated a funding of 1.2 million euros to achieve its goals within the consortium: to support the European community's integration and unification activities, to increase the quality of international mobility and of the educational and research act, as well as to strengthen the European cultural identity and values.

UNITA is an alliance of universities in mountain areas or on the border of the national territory, which also have in common the fact that they are located in geographical areas where Romance languages are spoken. In the philosophy of the consortium, the linguistic component is an important element of cohesion. Its members' allegiance to the European Neo-Latin community can be a catalyst for the integration into a homogeneous scientific community, capable of creating hubs oriented towards sustainable

development, circular economy and particularly towards bioeconomy and preservation of cultural heritage. All these directions will have a considerable impact both on the sustainability of ecosystems and on student and citizen employability.

The European Union's strategy aims at increasing the competitiveness of higher education in its countries, by enhancing the cooperation between institutions, as well as through mobilities of students, academic teaching personnel and support staff. Other goals include the sharing of physical resources, courses offered by member institutions, expertise, data and infrastructure. Created in 2020, the consortium had as founding members the University of Beira Interior (Portugal), the University of Zaragoza (Spain), the University of Turin (Italy), the University of Pau et des Pays de L'Adour and the University of Savoie Mont Blanc (France) and the West University of Timișoara (Romania). In September 2021, UNITA expanded with six new partners: the Polytechnic Institute of Guarda (Portugal), the University of Brescia (Italy), the Public University of Navarre (Spain), Transilvania University of Braşov (Romania), Western Switzerland University of Applied Sciences and Arts (Switzerland) and Yuriy Fedkovych Chernivtsi National University (Ukraine).

The European Commission evaluated the first three years of the Alliance's activity and appreciated that achieved results as valuable. By expanding its number of members, the innovative potential of the Alliance has increased and allowed access to the maximum funding provided by the Commission. In its evaluation report for the first 18 months, Erasmus+ considered UNITA to be “clearly on the way to becoming a fully developed European university”.

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## INTERNATIONAL SUMMER SCHOOL ON SUSTAINABILITY – FROM BIODIVERSITY TO ENERGY, BIOMECHANICAL AND ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

From 24 to 28 July 2023, Transilvania University of Brasov, represented by the Department of Mechanical Engineering and the Department of Electronics and Computers, hosted the International Summer School dedicated to sustainability and green technologies.



The event was organized in collaboration with the Universities of Applied Sciences of Karlsruhe (Germany) and Rapperswil (Switzerland), in partnership with companies of our country: Schaeffler Romania and Danfoss, and of Germany: Kälte Eckert, Secon, Steinbeis Transfer Center for Refrigeration and Air Conditioning – ST2K, Valerius-Füner-Stiftung and Verbund der Stifter of Karlsruhe University of Applied Sciences.



From mechanics, to biomechanics, sustainable energy production and storage technologies, to food technologies, water treatment and purification, to biodiversity conservation, 40 students from Romania, Germany, Switzerland and France got a holistic view on the development of sustainable communities.

The event included a series of lectures and interactive sessions held by relevant experts from Romania, Switzerland, Germany and France. Meetings with representatives of the business environment at county and national level (Schaeffler Romania, Danfoss, Stabilus) were considered, too. The schedule of events also proposed visits to the Research and Development Institute within Transilvania University of Braşov, as well as activities at Piatra Mare Mountain (biodiversity) and Viscri (*Mihai Eminescu* Foundation, the ecological wastewater treatment plant, sustainable communities).



The event dedicated to students was a genuine success, as well as a moment of encouragement for everyone in view of a future academic career.



Prof. dr. Eng. Maria Luminița SCUTARU  
Faculty of Mechanical Engineering  
Prof. dr. Eng. Paul Nicolae BORZA  
Faculty of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science

## SUMMER SCHOOL ON CARDIOLOGY

Between 10 and 28 July 2023, the Summer School of Cardiology, organized with the support of the Faculty of Medicine within Transilvania University of Braşov, took place at the ICCO Clinics of Braşov.



This activity was intended for the medical students within the relevant faculty of Braşov and aimed at providing students with an opportunity to delve into cardiology within a relaxed programme, without the limits imposed by their attending courses and seminars, as happens during the academic year.

The activity was very diverse, combining consultation and examination at the patient's bedside, with the opportunity to participate in non-invasive (EKG, telemetry, Holter monitoring, echocardiography, vascular Doppler echography) and invasive (interventional and surgical) investigations indicated to patients, as well as interactive discussions with the cardiologists, surgeons and anaesthesiologists working in the hospital.



Students were also present in the operating room, having the opportunity to attend interventional cardiology procedures (coronary angiography, coronary revascularization procedures), electrophysiology procedures (simple and complex

ablations) and implantations of heart rhythm stimulation and monitoring devices.

Moreover, hands-on sessions of interventional cardiology were organized, in which the students, under the guidance of interventional cardiologists/ electrophysiologists, could manipulate the materials specific to these procedures, while performing virtual coronary angiograms, virtual implants of devices, assembly and disassembly of cardiac stimulation/ resynchronization/ defibrillation systems.



Capitalizing on their closeness to the cardiovascular surgery operating room, the students could witness the achievement of the circuit for extracorporeal circulation, stopping the heart and starting it after surgery, and they could also see pieces collected intraoperatively (stenosed valves, valves with vegetations - infectious endocarditis), all of which completed their image of cardio-vascular pathology.



We were glad to organize this summer school and to find that, in our local Faculty of Medicine, we have passionate, intelligent students, eager for knowledge and eager to develop and become good doctors.

Prof. dr. Diana ȚÎNȚ  
Primary physician - cardiology and internal medicine  
Skills in interventional electrophysiology and implantable devices

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## TRANSILVANIA SUMMER EVENT – 4 CAREER SUMMER SCHOOL

*Transilvania Summer Event – 4 Career Summer School* offered students and pupils the opportunity to interact and learn new things alongside specialists from partner companies of UNITBV or from experts in the field of career counselling. This year the project was conceived as a bridge between the pre-academic, academic and economic environments.



For two days, the pupils and students attended workshops held by professionals, availed themselves of interknowledge and relaxation activities, drew inspiration, and listened to real stories about the life experiences of people who have built successful careers.

The event took place between 10 and 11 July 2023, and the activities were divided into two stages: on the first day, the pupils and students participated in workshops held by the specialists Cristian Gheorghe Butum – entrepreneur, manager of the BUT group of companies, and founding member of Pro Business Club Brasov; Dragoş Cristian Fînaru – HR Business Partner, Denneymeyer & Associates; Mihai Ursu -MD, primary cardiologist, coordinator of the Centre for Cardiovascular Diseases in Adults and Children within “Sf. Constantin” Hospital.

The participants could learn valuable information from the guests; the entrepreneur Cristi Butum offered an example of what it is like to build and lose a business, and how to rebuild a business; Dragoş Fînaru spoke to them about building a career, and explained what performance in organizations means; the doctor Mihai Ursu spoke to the attendants about health and about the

soundness of relationships, both personally and professionally.



On the following day, a study visit to Bucharest took place, with the Romanian Parliament and the National Bank of Romania as the places to visit.

In a world dominated by technology and information available online, it is important to provide young people with real and tangible experiences for them to enrich their knowledge. The students and pupils had the opportunity to visit and explore two of the most important institutions of our country. This educational adventure offered the participants a unique perspective on the history, culture and importance of national institutions for Romania’s development.



This experience outside the classroom had a positive impact on pupils and students and strengthened the bonds between them; within its framework, experiences and knowledge were shared, and friendships were made. The participants’ feedback proved that the event was appreciated, that the experiences of the two days were memorable, since the participants declared that they wished to further participate in such actions.

Prof. dr. Bianca TESCAŞIU  
Psychologist Roxana STOICA  
Prof. dr. Daniel MUNTEANU

## "BLUESTREAMLINE" THE RACING TEAM OF TRANSILVANIA UNIVERSITY OF BRAȘOV LAUNCHED THE BS23 SINGLE SEATER

On 26 July 2023, at 5.00 p.m., in front of the C building of Transilvania University of Brasov, a special event entitled "Loading BS23" took place, organized by "BlueStreamline", the racing team of UNITBV. The event consisted in the launch of the BS23 single-seat race car in the presence of many guests, students, professors, fans of this sport, former members of the BlueStreamline team.



The opening and welcome speech belonged to the Vice-rector for Public Relations, Prof. dr. MD Liliana Rogozea, who emphasized that through this event, the "BlueStreamline" team marked 15 years of existence within Transilvania University of Brașov, and by launching its 14<sup>th</sup> car this year, the team would participate in three *Formula Student* international competitions, from 28 July to 28 August: in Portugal, on Kartodromo Castelo Branco; in Spain, on Circuit de Catalunya, Barcelona; and in Croatia, on the circuit Rimac Test Track, Micevec. Formula Student is an international engineering-design competition, first held by the Society of Automotive Engineers in 1979. The aim is to develop and provide a platform for the engineering students to experiment, build and learn.

The BlueStreamline team, coordinated by Assoc. Prof. dr. Mihai Comșîț, is made up, this year as well, of motivated and talented young people: Mircea-Andrei Niculcea (team leader), Andrei Câmpean,

Florin Corciova, Daniel Isăilă and Radu Torpan (consultants), Cosmin Chindea, Daniel Marciu, Daniel Negrescu and Lucian Tănase (bodywork), Raul Ardelean and Tridevi Kheddo (chassis), Alexandru Puiu (car suspension), Oliver Benedek, Bogdan Buduleci, Răzvan Fedorca, Vlad Medinschi and Radu Dumitru (engine), Mihail Buga, Dorel Coltea and Mihai Luchian (electronics).



BlueStreamline came into being in 2008 as an initiative of the students at Transilvania University of Brasov, with a view to creating and developing a racing car for the *Formula Student* events. Each year, since 2009, the team has successfully managed to design and build a first-class single-seater with which it competed on the well-known *Formula One* circuits: Silverstone Circuit (Great Britain), Catalunya Circuit (Spain), and on the circuits Karting staza Movi Marof (Croatia), Autodromo Riccardo Paletti – Varano de' Melegari (Italy), Parcmotor Castellolí (Spain).

Assoc. Prof. dr. Victor BRICIU,  
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## ONLINE PARTICIPATION OF UNITBV IN THE CULTURAL INDUSTRIES FAIR OF CHINA (SHENZHEN)

Transilvania University of Braşov participated, this year as well, in the largest fair of cultural industries, in Shenzhen, China, as Romania's only representative at this event. The 19<sup>th</sup> edition of this event - *The 19<sup>th</sup> China (Shenzhen) International Cultural Industries Fair (ICIF)* – was held in a hybrid system, online and offline, from 7 to 11 June 2023, at Shenzhen World Exhibition & Convention Centre, Bao'an District.



This new edition of the fair drew, according to the organizers, over 4 million visits (on site and online), but also 3,596 government delegations, cultural institutions and other business organizations. Of these, 2,688 institutions had a stand at the fair, and another 908 participated online as exhibitors.

### All Exhibits



The main sections of this event, held on an area of 120,000 m<sup>2</sup>, were related to cultural industries, tourism and culture, intangible cultural heritage, arts and crafts, digital creativity and technologies.



UNITBV participated with a virtual stand (in the *ICIF Cloud* system) under the *Belt & Road* international section, available on the official platform of the fair (<https://www.cnific.com/>) where, through a *Live Chat* function and the *Wechat* mini-programme, the visitors could interact and ask questions, finding out more details about the specifics of the academic institution of Brasov, its study programs taught in foreign languages and its personalized scholarship offers for international students.

The ICIF Fair of Shenzhen started in 2004 and succeeded in standing out by promoting and developing products specific to the cultural industries of China and beyond.

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Office of Marketing and Image  
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## THE THIRD EDITION OF A SUCCESSFUL EXTRA-CURRICULAR EDUCATIONAL PROJECT “INFORMATICS, YOUR STEP TO THE WORLD OF MECHATRONICS - INFOTRON”



Within the “5.0 Strategic Partnership for Education” programme, four educational establishments of Braşov: “Grigore Moisil”, “Dr. Ioan Meşotă” and “Unirea” National Colleges, and “Andrei Mureşanu” High School, Braşov County School Inspectorate, Transilvania University of Braşov – through the Faculties of Product Design and Environment, Electrical Engineering and Computer Science, and Mathematics-Computer Science, together with Miele Braşov, respectively Siemens Industry Software, organized a large collaborative action entitled “Informatics, your step towards the world of Mechatronics – InfoTRON 2023.” The aim of this programme and collaboration is to contribute, through extracurricular activities, to the development of skills in the future generations of workforce, aligned to the industry demands until 2030. The programme allows pupils to acquire new skills, adapt what they learn, put their passion into practice, through creative activities and workshops.

InfoTRON promotes MECHATRONICS (MECHANics + elecTRONics + informatiCS) among the 5<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders through courses and competitions, in order to apply informatics in the conception, design, manufacture and implementation of mechatronic systems, which put emphasis on the combination of technical and behavioural skills needed in the future (teamwork, creativity, innovation, etc.).

The project took place from 21.03 to 7.06.2023, and it included the following stages:

- Weekly training sessions, by age groups, provided by the teaching personnel of the Faculty of Product Design and Environment, within Transilvania University of Braşov, together with the students of the aforementioned faculties.
- The pupils’ conception, design, manufacture and implementation of their own mechatronic system projects.
- Organization of competitions at college level, in which the best student-coordinated pupils competed to showcase their creativity and experience acquired in this collaboration.
- The mechatronic systems project competition, where the best achievements of each college competed for the final podium.
- The awards ceremony on 8 June for the best projects took place in “Sergiu T. Chiriacescu” Conference Centre of Transilvania University of Braşov, where the pupils’ enthusiasm and involvement were rewarded with attractive prizes offered by the partner companies.

This project was attended by 395 pupils from the four colleges, 38 student trainers coordinated by two professors at the Faculty of Product Design and Environment within Transilvania University of Braşov, alongside specialists from the *Development Centre* within Miele Braşov company.

The trainings for the 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grades were provided on Lego® Mindstorms® Education EV3 and Lego® Education Spike™ Prime kits, whereas for the 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades, on specialized kits based on development systems with Arduino and ESP32 microcontrollers and components that allowed making applications with a progressive degree of complexity.

The material support of this action was provided by the companies Miele Braşov and Siemens Industry Software, respectively.

Prof. dr. Eng. Marius Cristian LUCULESCU  
Faculty of Product Design and Environment

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## INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON THE FIXED-POINT THEORY AND ITS APPLICATIONS – ICFPTA 2023

The international conference, already at its 14<sup>th</sup> edition, took place in Braşov, between 11 and 14 July 2023, in remembrance of professors Wataru Takahashi (1944-2020), Kazimierz Goebel (1940-2022) and William Arts Kirk (1936-2022).

This event was attended by 64 on-site participants, respectively 42 online participants from universities in the country: "Babeş-Bolyai" University of Cluj-Napoca, "Politehnica" University of Bucharest, Transilvania University of Braşov, and from abroad: Atılım University Ankara, Sakarya University and Aydın Adnan Menderes University (Turkey), King Abdulaziz University Jeddah (Saudi Arabia), Universidad de Sevilla and University of Valencia (Spain), International Islamic University (Pakistan), Tokyo Woman's Christian University, Tokyo University of Science and Cisco Networking Academy, Shiga University, Toho University and Yokohama National University (Japan), University of Phayao and Chiang Mai University (Thailand), University of Belgrade and University of Nis (Serbia), Politechnika Rzeszowska, Adam Mickiewicz University, Uniwersytet Marii Curie-Skłodowskiej, Lodz University of Technology and Rzeszów University of Technology (Poland), Indian Institute of Technology and School of Advanced Sciences and Languages VIT Bhopal University (India), University of Florence (Italy), State University of New York and Texas A&M University (United States), Sobolev

Mathematics Institute (Russia), Chengdu University, Sun Yat-sen University and Sichuan University (China), University of Manitoba (Canada), "St. I. Rilski" University of Mining and Geology (Bulgaria), The Technion – Israel Institute of Technology (Israel), University of Chlef (Algeria).

Within this new edition of the ICFPTA conference, five plenary lectures were held by professors: Rafael Espinola Garcia - University of Seville, Lukasz Piasecki - Uniwersytet Marii Curie-Skłodowskiej, Shigeo Akashi - Tokyo University of Science and Cisco Networking Academy, Hong-Kun Xu - Hangzhou Dianzi University, Ravi Agarwal - Texas A&M University.

The fields covered by the participants' presentations included Fixed Point Theory, Dynamical Systems, Fractional Differential Equations, Numerical Analysis.

We thank the management of Transilvania University of Braşov for the material and logistical support provided, as well as "Babeş-Bolyai" University of Cluj-Napoca for the complementary support in organizing the event. Finally, we thank our colleagues from the Faculty of Mathematics and Computer Science who got involved in this event.

Assoc. Prof. dr. Andreea FULGA  
Faculty of Mathematics and Computer Science

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## 2023 NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF THE ROMANIAN ASSOCIATION OF PSYCHOLOGISTS

Between 2 and 4 June 2023, the National Conference themed on “Psychology in the Age of Digitalization” took place in Constanta, organized by the Romanian Association of Psychologists (<https://conferinta.apsi.ro/>).



Attending this conference was a wonderful opportunity to share the results of the scientific research that we conducted for our bachelor's degree theses, and to receive valuable feedback from the specialists of Romania's relevant scientific community.

The three papers presented were:

- “When anxiety makes the diagnosis. The relationship between the anxiety about disease, cyberchondria, emotional regulation mechanisms and involvement in health-related behaviours in Romanians” (Denisa-Andreea Vlad, 3<sup>rd</sup>-year student, scientific coordinator Assoc. Prof. dr. Camelia Truța).
- “The study of burnout and the relationship between the job characteristics and the employee's involvement and tendency to leave the workplace” (Andreea Sînziana Gobej, scientific coordinator Prof. dr. Ana-Maria Cazan).
- “Stress tolerance and risk behaviours in young people” (Ștefania Beatrice Vlăsceanu, scientific coordinator Assoc. Prof. dr. Laura Teodora David).

Participating in this conference was a learning experience for us because for three days we could attend symposiums, debates, oral presentations of research, and workshops with some of the best Romanian psychologists, but also presentations of international psychologists and researchers who shared their knowledge and made known the latest results of their research. In this way, we could update and learn information in the field of clinical, organizational and educational psychology.

The conference was also a very good opportunity to integrate knowledge of psychology and of technology, and to understand how this interferes with the individual's process of adaptation in society. The theme of this year's edition of the conference was *Psychology in the Age of Digitalization*.



Attending such conferences facilitates the lifelong learning process and is a motivating factor for the students passionate about research. The participation provided us with many research ideas that can be capitalized on and allowed us to express ourselves in a framework where scientific research, cognitive flexibility and openness are valued.



We could talk to the psychologists present there, and they were open to answering our questions; thus, we found out different points of view from those encountered so far, which helped a lot in our openness to other perspectives. Moreover, the event contributed to the cooperation between universities, an important aspect for the evolution of this field.

Andreea Sînziana GOBEJ, 3<sup>rd</sup>-year student  
Denisa-Andreea VLAD, 3<sup>rd</sup>-year student  
Ștefania Beatrice VLĂȘCEANU, 3<sup>rd</sup>-year student  
Bachelor's degree programme of *Psychology*  
Faculty of Psychology and Education Sciences

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## WORTHEVENT IN BRAȘOV – WOMEN IN THE CONTEMPORARY RESISTANCE MOVEMENTS

Between 11 and 12 May 2023, the kick-off meeting for the project WORTH – *WOMen in Resistance in the 20<sup>th</sup> Century* took place in Brasov. WORTH is funded through the programme *EU Citizens, Equality, Rights and Values* (CERV). Transilvania University of Brașov has the status of partner in the project, along with four other organizations from Italy, Portugal, Poland and Slovenia.

The meeting in Brașov had two parts. In the first of them, on 11 May, several activities were held to commemorate the women's involvement in resistance movements across Europe during the twentieth century. The participants in the commemorative event, namely representatives of the partner organizations and 36 students at the faculties of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science, respectively of Sociology and Communication, visited the Museum of Canvases and Stories of Mândra village, "Valer Litarat" Museum of Făgăraș county, which temporarily hosts Ioana Hașu-Georgiev's exhibition *Women of the Anti-Communist Resistance in Făgăraș*, and the fortified evangelical church of Cincșor.

More details on the commemorative activities are available at <https://worth-cerv.weebly.com/articles>.

In the second part of the meeting, on 12 May, the representatives of the partner organizations participated in a course of *Training for Trainers*, hosted by Transilvania University of Brasov. The related activities mainly focused on preparing the forthcoming Human Library events, on sharing best practices and on presenting non-formal methods of project implementation. The partners had the opportunity to improve their knowledge of the main tools used in gamification, such as Mentimeter, Urban Trekking and Action Bound. By means of them, they will efficiently organize the national sessions of meetings with women involved in different forms of resistance in twentieth-century Europe and with their stories.

The WORTH project promotes, through its activities, keeping in the collective memory the representations of women as main actors of the contemporary resistance movements, in an inclusive understanding of Europe's history.

WORTH Coordinator for UNITBV,  
Prof. dr. Daniela SOREA,  
Department of Social and Communication Sciences  
Faculty of Sociology and Communication

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## "LITERARY BRAȘOV" 2<sup>ND</sup> EDITION RELEASE OF KLEIN A NEW VOLUME BY MIHAI IGNAT

The day of 8 June 2023 was marked, at the Multicultural Centre within Transilvania University of Brașov, by the relaunch of *Klein*, the poetry volume of the poet, playwright and professor Mihai Ignat, within the second edition of the cultural project "Literary Brasov", organized by *Casa de Pariuri Literare [Literary Betting]* Publishing House, which brings back to the attention of contemporary literature various literary figures of Brașov: Mihail Vakulovski, Mihai Ignat, Daniel Pișcu and Octavian Soviany.



The partner high schools ("Unirea" National College, "Dr. Ioan Meșotă" National College, "Gr. Moisiu" National College of Computer Science), which benefit from creative writing workshops, actively participated in the literary dialogue with the mentioned authors.

The volume originally published under the aegis of *Timpul* Publishing House, 1995, highlights a mixture of feelings and "on the go" stages of maturation of a poetic voice that keeps, in the last volumes as well, the same reception of reality, full of consistency, consideration and force. The volume sketches a slightly retractile voice, as Mihai Ignat admits, but also a testimony of the bookishness that carefully hides, like a mask, the need to face reality. If the experience also acquired as a playwright made the writing technique of the last volumes take its definitive form (without being caught in the nets of Mannerism), the interests and thematic options remained approximately the same as those in the *Klein* volume.



The feminine croquis and the erotic dimension are constants of the poetic imaginary (always treated with passionate seriousness), they swing between the softness of the young lover's perception and the harshness of the carnal.

Asked about the influence of the dramatic voice in the poetic voice, Mihai Ignat admitted their coming into contact to a certain extent; and yet, most of the time, the poetic voice is more intrusive and overbearing in the relationship of exchange between the two.

The audience of Brașov benefited from the generosity of the organizers, by receiving a free autographed volume.



The event brought together a large audience enthralled with the stories that led to the issuing of the volume which was very well received.

Drd. Elena-Daniela MACARIE  
Faculty of Letters

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## THE "CAROUSEL WITH ART" EXHIBITION AT ITS 7<sup>TH</sup> EDITION

On 27 June 2023, the Faculty of Psychology and Education Sciences launched the annual exhibition *The Carousel with Art* in the online environment.



At its seventh edition, the exhibition presents handmade works made by students at Transilvania University of Braşov, in the study programmes: Pedagogy of Primary and Preschool Education (PSE), Special Psychopedagogy (PSE), Balneo-physical-kinetic Therapy and Recuperation (Medicine), Kinetic Therapy and Special Motricity (EFSM).



The exhibited pieces of artwork are clear proof that only constant practice can bring performance, which is the basic principle for the conduct of occupational

therapy classes, as skills only develop over time and through continuous training.



The products were made by various techniques – pyrography, crocheting, quilling, floral design, fastening, origami, painting, etc. – under the direct coordination of Assoc. Prof. dr. Elena-Simona Indreica.



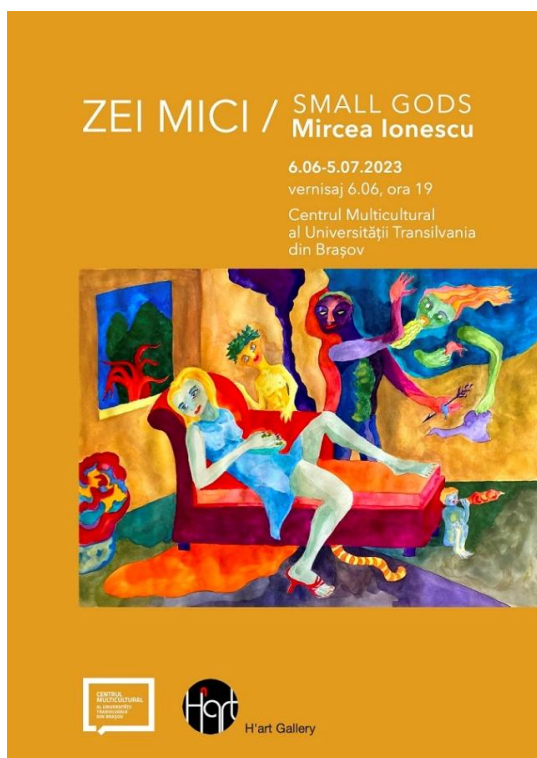
On the occasion of various events organized by Transilvania University of Braşov at the Research and Development Institute, the works of art can also be seen in physical format in room L3 P02.

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## MIRCEA IONESCU | LITTLE GODS

From 6 June to 5 July 2023, Mircea Ionescu's exhibition – *Little Gods* could be visited at the Multicultural Centre of Transilvania University. The opening was attended, along with the artist, by Dan Popescu, the gallerist of H'art Gallery, and Adrian Lăcătuș, the Director of the Multicultural Centre.



Preoccupied, according to his own testimony, with the “refined absurdity”, Mircea Ionescu works in watercolour and gouache, but also makes spectacular ink drawings. His art straddles the boundary between dream and wakefulness, and “the resulting works have the ambiguous strangeness of a possible narrativity. However, if you look closer, nothing of what is depicted is possible, except maybe in another world.



As watercolour is a water technique, it has a kalophilous nature, where all the grotesque of the oneiric situations is mitigated by the aqueous plasticity of the pigment.



In water-based works, one loves, smiles without eyes, the waves of colours engender golems, one looks exophthalmically, flowers are ambiguous briars, one runs, runs, runs, women come out of portals, trees seem to have flaming veins, men are gloomy and either without eyes or with exophthalmic-mystical eyes, the walls palpitate and are haunted by dragon-resembling ghosts, the plants are aflame, the house is aflame, the man is aflame. (...) Mircea Ionescu's art is that of capturing the absurd and refined conglomerates of the abyssal area that we all frequent, but often ignore. It's a reminder of the other world. Ecstasy, luxury and voluptuousness. And much, much beauty.” (Dan Popescu).

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## NIKOL BÓKOVÁ TRIO AT THE MULTICULTURAL CENTRE

On Monday, 26 June, the Multicultural Centre hosted a concert held by Nikol Bóková Trio, organized in partnership with the Czech Centre. Martin Kocián (double bass) and Michał Wierzgon (drums) performed alongside Nikol Bóková (piano).



For the first time in Romania, the three held two concerts, in Braşov and Bucharest, both events enjoying the presence of a large audience.

Pianist and composer, Nikol Bóková is one of the revelations of the Czech music scene. As a performer of classical music, Nikol Bóková has a vast repertoire, including pieces that belong to the Baroque, but also to the contemporary period, with a penchant for the music of the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. Nikol is also an exceptional composer.



Her music is deeply influenced by the study of classical music, to which elements of jazz, pop, modern rock and minimalism add up. Within four years, Nikol published five albums, which were very well received by critics and were distinguished with numerous awards. Her debut album, *Inner Place* (2019), was nominated for an Anděl Award, which Nikol won two years later with the album *Prometheus*. This, as well as her latest album, *Elements*, appeared under the *Soleil et Pluie* record label, founded by Nikol Bóková in 2021.



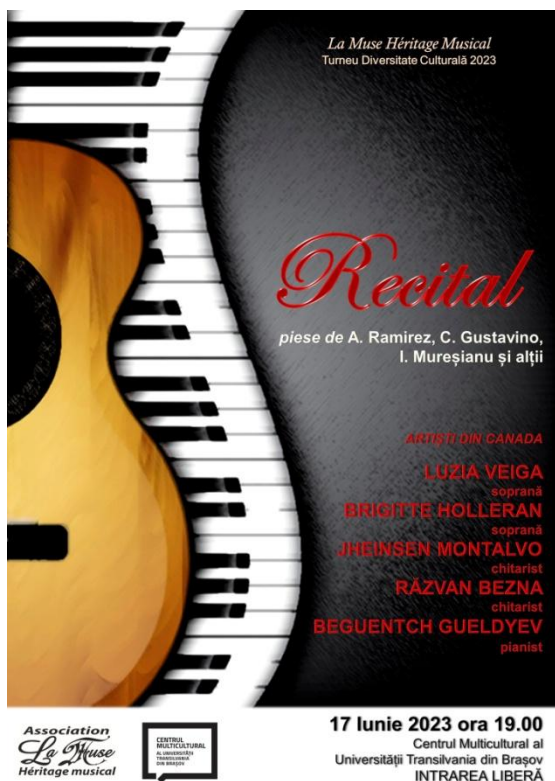
In recent years, Nikol has been present at major festivals such as Viva Musica!, Hybatelé Resonance, and JazzFestBrno. Whether performing classical music or her own creations, the pianist could be heard on stages in Great Britain, France, Germany, Slovakia and Denmark.

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## CLASSICAL MUSIC RECITAL AT THE MULTICULTURAL CENTRE



On 17 June, at the Multicultural Centre, Luzia Veiga - soprano, Brigitte Holleran - soprano, Jheinsen Montalvo - guitar, Răzvan Bezna – guitar, and Beguentch Gueldyev - piano held a classical music recital, one of the five events of the 2023 *Cultural Diversity* national tour, organized in the cities of Sibiu, Blaj, Sighișoara and Brașov by the *La Muse - Héritage Musical* Association of Montreal, Canada.

Founded 14 years ago, at the initiative of Ioana German, great-granddaughter of the Romanian composer Iacob Mureșianu, *La Muse - Héritage Musical* Association organizes cultural events aimed at promoting music and artists of Romania and Canada.

Luzia Veiga studied music theory in parallel with classical singing classes and opera soprano classes in Barcelona, under the prestigious Montserrat Aparici's guidance. She currently gives concerts in Montreal and in Ottawa, the city where she lives.

Brigitte Holleran attended the courses of Laval University and the master's degree courses of the

University of Montreal. She has been teaching for over 15 years, having specialized in Waldorf pedagogy within the master's degree programme that she graduated from in Germany, 2019.

Beguentch Gueldyev studied at "P. I. Tchaikovsky" Conservatory of Moscow. He has been awarded the first prize within several international competitions, such as those held in Genoa, Italy and Gerona, Spain. He is currently collaborating with the National Orchestra of Ashgabat, Turkmenistan.

Jheinsen Montalvo studied classical guitar; then, in 2000, he began studying flamenco guitar in Spain with maestro Jero Periquin. Jheinsen has collaborated with Cabaret Flamenco and with the prestigious Dieze Onze Montreal club.



Răzvan Bezna is a doctoral student at Schulich School of Music, within McGill University (Montreal), under Professor Patrick Kearney's guidance. He attended the courses of the University of Texas and graduated from the music master's degree programme within the University of Florida.

The programme included pieces by Iacob Mureșianu, Ariel Ramirez, Carlos Guastavino, Jose Fernandez Tomatito, Charles Gounod, Sebastian de Yradier, Francisco Ernani Braga, Jaime Ovalle, and more.

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## IN MEMORIAM - PROF. DR. ENG. MARIN UNTARU (1929 – 1996)



Marin Untaru was born in Bucharest, on 24 February 1929. From 1936 to 1941, he attended primary school; and from 1941 to 1949, he attended "Aurel Vlaicu" high school of Bucharest, upon graduation of which he received his baccalaureate diploma. Between 1949 and 1954, he graduated *cum laude* from the Polytechnic Institute of Kiev, Faculty of Mechanics, specializing in Automotive and Tractor Manufacture; and in 1964 he was awarded the scientific degree of Doctor of Engineering at Moscow Automechanics Institute, defending his doctoral thesis entitled: "Study on the possibility to raise the cost-effectiveness of cars by improving the cooling system". Upon completing his academic studies, on 1 September 1954, he was assigned to the Polytechnic Institute of Braşov, Department of Motor Vehicles and Tractors, where he was employed as an Assistant Professor. He climbed up all the stages of the academic teaching hierarchy; and in October 1968 he filled by competition the position of Professor.

The acknowledgement of his outstanding professional activity also materialized in the Ministry of Education sending him to the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic (1958) and to the People's Republic of Hungary (1960) for specialization within automotive and tractor manufacturing enterprises, research institutes, higher-education institutes and transport enterprises.

His academic teaching activity of over four decades was characterized by exceptional professional and pedagogical skills supported by an exemplary conduct, since he was a genuine role model as a professor, highly appreciated by both colleagues and students. Throughout his academic didactic career, he had teaching tasks, as well as

laboratory, project and seminar activities in the subjects of Motor Vehicles, Automotive Dynamics, Automotive Calculation and Manufacturing.

Through his entire teaching and research activity, Professor Untaru fully contributed to the recognition of the academic school of Braşov both in the country and abroad. In this respect, it is worth highlighting his 11 academic courses issued by prestigious publishing houses locally, but also nationally, among which we mention the reference textbooks in the field of motor vehicles: "Motor Vehicles", Didactic and Pedagogical Publishing House, Bucharest, 1968, 1975; "Dynamics of Wheeled Vehicles", Didactic and Pedagogical Publishing House, Bucharest, 1981; "Automotive Calculation and Manufacturing", Technical Publishing House, 1974, Didactic and Pedagogical Publishing House, 1982. Professor Marin Untaru's managerial qualities stood out during the periods when he filled executive positions: Dean of the Faculty of Mechanics (1961-1963), Vice-rector of the University (1964-1972), Rector with delegated authority (January-April 1972), Head of Department (1972-1973), member in the Council of the Faculty of Mechanics, member in the Senate of Transilvania University of Brasov.

His scientific activity is characterized by having implemented 32 research contracts, as well as by having published over 90 papers in the field of the design, manufacture, testing and certification of motor vehicles and their subassemblies.

Through his entire activity conducted in the University, especially in the Department of Motor Vehicles and Engines, Professor Untaru can be regarded as one of the important specialists who laid the foundations and developed the automotive higher education in Romania; and the automotive academic school of Braşov is nowadays acknowledged nation-wide and worldwide.

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