In memoriam: Professor Dr. Tiberiu Mircea

PROFESSOR WITH LOVE

Forgive my comparison with the famous American movie, but my good professor Tiberiu Mircea's whole life was dedicated to this noble feeling and, till the very end, he loved his profession that he so passionately served. Tiberiu Mircea completed his mission in this world on 20 may 2015, at the age of 69.

I have expressed my compassion for the grieving family, and I do it now, again, trying to emphasize on the value of the man who, for 30 years, dedicated his life to child and adolescent psychiatry in Timisoara, one of the most advanced disciplines in the country, which he led with dedication and professionalism. His merits are even greater and must be appreciated especially because it was he who initiated this discipline as an independent one in Timisoara, taking the curricula of 31 European countries as a model.

He was born on 28.04.1946 in Timisoara. After graduating from high school he was accepted to the Medicine School in Timisoara in 1963 and graduated in 1969.

After graduation and obtaining internship in psychiatry, he was confirmed as a psychiatric specialist in 1974 when he began to work in Gataia Psychiatry Hospital, Timis County, until 1979 when he became a psychiatrist M.D.

From 1980 to 2011, when he retired, he worked at the Child and Adolescent Neurology and Psychiatry Clinic in Timisoara.

Since 1981, when psychiatry was first introduced as a discipline at the University of Medicine and Pharmacy „Victor Babes” – Timisoara by PhD Tiberiu Mircea, he was appointed the head of he Psychiatry Department of Pediatrics, which later became Child and Adolescent Psychiatry (2001). In 1986 PhD Mircea Tiberiu prepared the course of pedopsychiatry for VI year Pediatrics together with Prof. Dr. Mircea Lazarescu.

The first teacher of Pedopsychiatry, in Timişoara, Professor Tiberiu Mircea was interested in and did research on the aspects of family psychopathology, which were all published in his doctoral thesis called "Interactional Psychopathology in family disrupted microgroup" which he defended in 1992. Over the years, he continued his research in toddler psychopathology, centered on developmental aspects and family psychopathology, and in 2004 he set up the Child and Family Centre - Child and Adolescent Psychiatry, Psychotherapy and Neurology, certified as a Scientific Research Centre type C.

As the center director, Prof. Tiberiu Mircea coordinated research focused on diagnosing the family dysfunction typology in different neuropsychiatric disorders, on studying the effect of transgenerational psychopathological transmission and he also studied the effect of changes family microgroup through structured therapy intervention.

Team coordinated by Professor Tiberiu Mircea, drafted the last academic course for the VI year students in general medicine in 2008 and co-wrote „Child and Adolescent Psychiatry and Developmental Psychopathology Treaty”, published in three volumes.

During his entire teaching activity, Professor Tiberiu Mircea trained medical students, residents in pediatric psychiatry, pediatric neurology, adults psychiatry, neonatology, gradually introducing the concepts of developmental psychopathology at the same time with family and systematic psychotherapy.

Since 2004 Professor Mircea Tiberiu coordinated scientific doctoral theses for those who followed in his footsteps in Child and Adolescent Psychiatry.

He published several books and specialty treatises.

As a recognition of his knowledge, the National Scientific Research Council of Higher Education authorized him as an expert evaluator in 2001.

He was the founding member of the Child and Adolescent Neurology and Psychiatry Society in Romania, whose president he was between 1997-2001 and 2005-2009.

Internationally, his efforts in making Romanian pedopsychiatry known to the world
didn’t remained unnoticed, because he was Vice President of the European Society of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry and member of the International Association for Child and Adolescent Psychiatry.

I met Professor Tiberiu Mircea when I was still a student, he marked my choice for the beautiful field of Pedopsychiatry, thanks to the love and passion with which he shared his knowledge. He was a pleasant man, of an exemplary professionalism, conscientious, always concerned about professional training and about fostering a competitive spirit among his young collaborators.

I always listened to him, initially in residency, then as PhD supervisor, finding the same specialist interested in the complexity and the difficulty of the professional and administrative aspects of the field, always in love with the most human aspect of suffering in its most delicate expression - Child and Adolescent Neuropsychological Pathology.

Unfortunately, by the time I arrived at NPI clinic in Timisoara, in 2011, the professor had already retired, though he still had so much to share with us about his vast experience. I met him only at different national medical events. Perhaps the disappointment of too early giving up his services was one of the causes for the suffering which accompanied him during those last years which he spent with his family. The loss suffered by the whole professional community in Romania is immeasurable.

All of us who knew and appreciated him, now pay our respects to this wonderful doctor, teacher and special man.

Farewell Professor!

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