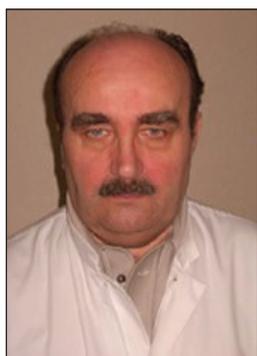


OBITUARY

Professor Hecser László Loránt



Born in Odorheiu Secuiesc (Harghita County) at 27th of October 1940, in a family of pharmacists, Professor Hecser Laszlo attended the high school in his native town, while preparing for his future medical career. He worked as medical assistant in Câmpia Turzii before being admitted to the Faculty of Medicine of “Carol Davila”

University of Medicine and Pharmacy in Bucharest. He was medical student in the period 1963 – 1969 and after a further 3 years period of family physician practice in Harghita County, he begun specialization in pathology in Tîrgu Mureş under the supervision of Professor Gyergyai Ferenc. Due to his “unhealthy origins”, communist authorities denied his application for a university teaching position. In 1979 he successfully applied for a research position in medico-legal pathology at the Institute of Legal Medicine „Mina Minovici”, Exterior Laboratory Tîrgu Mureş, under the management of Professor Ander Zoltan – the leader of the Legal Medicine Chair and Laboratory at that time, being involved in all fields of forensic pathology, but especially he studied the subject of sudden cardiac death.

In 1991/1992, based on his scientific competency, he started his teaching career, being lecturer and leading the Chair of Legal Medicine of the University of Medicine and Pharmacy Tîrgu Mureş. His research activities in the field of sudden cardiac death have been concentrated in his PhD thesis, coordinated by Professor George Simu, leader of the Pathology Chair in Tîrgu Mureş. After finishing his PhD thesis, he was promoted Associate Professor in 1997. For almost 20 years he taught legal medicine for many generations of medical students, his courses being appreciated and attended with interest. As a result, every year a large number of students opted for research within the Legal Medicine Chair in order to complete their license work.

Starting form year 1995 Professor Hecser László coordinated the training of young resident doctors, preparing the next generation of specialists in legal medicine, forensic pathologists who currently successfully work in the Institute and, some of them, in other administrative units.

From 1992 he was also the chief of the Tîrgu Mureş Exterior Laboratory of the National Institute of Legal Medicine, having good relationships, both professional and personal, with Professor Vladimir Beliş who was the head of the Romanian network of legal medicine at that time.

From year 2000 he was director of the reorganized Institute of Legal Medicine Tîrgu Mureş. In this position he had a vision of modernizing the forensic methods of investigation, promoting the use of complex histopathological investigations complementary to the macroscopic examination performed during autopsies and supporting the acquisition of modern analytical instruments for the toxicology laboratory. On the other hand, he promoted a climate of stability and professional conduct among the employees, being esteemed by all coworkers as a model of honesty.

He was member of the Superior Council of Legal Medicine in Romania for more than 10 years and activated in the Superior medico-legal Approval and Control Commission, bringing valued contributions in raising the professional level of medico-legal expertise.

His prolific scientific activity continued during all years of activity, until the moment of retirement (2011), the results being published in more than 150 articles in different medical and law journals, covering all areas of forensic pathology, clinical legal medicine, medico-legal psychiatry and toxicology. He also wrote a number of books and chapters in books, concentrating his life-time experience and knowledge in the field of legal medicine, traumatology, pathology and medical law. He constantly and actively participated in scientific meetings, especially in the National Conferences of Legal Medicine, his contributions being highly appreciated. His work was also valued in Hungary, where he cooperated closely with Professors Varga Tibor (Szeged) and Bajnoczky Istvan (Pécs).

As recognition of his exceptional activity, he was co-opted as member of the scientific board of the Romanian Journal of Legal Medicine and member of the directing board of the Romanian Society of Legal Medicine.

After a life dedicated to the progress of legal medicine, we express our gratitude and will recall him evermore in our collective memory.