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## **ARA President's report 2013-2017**

**by Prof. Ruxandra Vidu,**  
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I would like to start by recognizing the dedication and the contribution of the large majority of members who are dedicated to the mission of ARA academy and support and promote the Romanian intellectual elite in the world.

At the last year's annual meeting, we celebrated the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of ARA Congress. The ARA Congress is the only academic activity that truly sets up the foundation of friendships and holds us together as an organization. It also increases the cultural and spiritual relations between the Diaspora members in the United States and members in Romania.

ARA's beginnings are traced back to 1975. From George Ciorănescu's call to action: "Do something, do not stay with your hands crossed and unfocused! For our Romania!", the Romanian intellectuals in exile residing in USA established an association, becoming the American Romanian Academy of Arts and Sciences. Furthermore, it called out to Romanian intellectuals from America and other countries to which foreign intellectuals adhered with love for Romania, Romanian culture, and science. This organization has become a small academy of liberal spirits and an island of effervescent thoughts, a crucible of many works that have seen the light of the printing, thus approaching all manifestations of the Romanian spirit, but keeping the accents of our native country. Every year, ARA organizes a Congress that provides an open forum for intellectuals to present their ideas and achievements in the fields of literature, philosophy, medicine, social sciences, arts, engineering, mathematics, physics, and chemistry etc. Thus, the American Romanian Academy of Arts and Sciences has in time become the largest Romanian academic organization of culture, arts and sciences outside Romania.

As an elected President of ARA in 2013 I did my best as the incoming president to establish and develop the priorities of ARA as an academy, and these aspects will be outlined in this report. However, there are other activities that pertain to how the outside world perceives us and where we position ourselves in contrast to other academies. These activities are not seen per se, but we have devoted them a great deal of time because I assumed a responsibility when I accepted to be the President, and wanted to respect it while getting my mandate done out of respect for me and for you, the members of ARA.

In the followings, the main activities of the Leadership team are presented.

## 1. Legal Status and California Compliance

**1.1 Incorporation:** ARA was incorporated in 1975 in California as a nonprofit corporation (see Figure 1). Since not all the nonprofit corporations are tax-exempt, ARA obtained a 501(c)(3) nonprofit status and became a federally tax-exempt charity that does not pay income or sales tax, and allows US donors to write off contributions. Therefore, ARA is a nonprofit corporation but also a nonprofit organization from the IRS point of view.

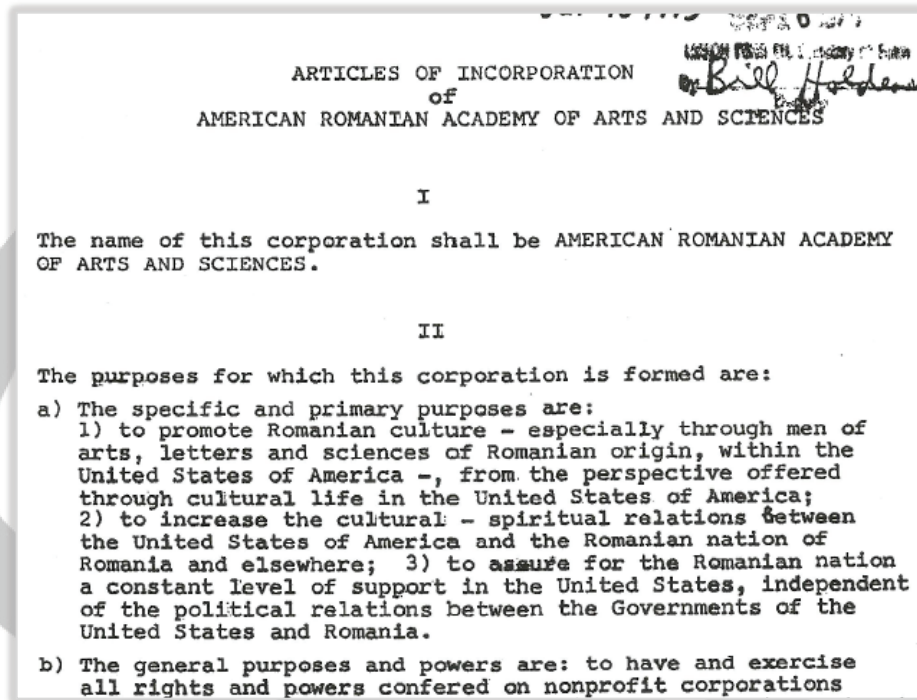


Figure 1. Excerpt of the original Articles of Incorporation of the ARA Academy (1975).

**1.2. California Law:** ARA is organized in conformity with the California laws and regulations (the state of incorporation) and has several compliances that were annually reported. I found out that the former Treasurer has neglected his duties, but more disturbing, he ignored the compliances related to the State of California Department of Justice, Office of the Attorney General. Because he didn't file the requested documentation with the California Attorney General for 3 years, ARA's nonprofit status was suspended. **I was able to restore the ARA nonprofit status** in December 2015. Since then, ARA didn't have any other delinquencies.

**1.3. ARA Logo:** The new ARA logo was re-designed (Figure 2) by George Roca, ARA Emeritus Member, to include the word "ARA" as a text. The ARA logo is unique so it cannot be used by other organizations or individuals than ARA Leadership team.

Figure 2.  
ARA logo re-designed by  
George Roca,  
ARA Emeriti Member



ARA Website



**1.4. ARA Leadership and Governance Team:** I want to recognize the contribution of our members of the Leadership and Governance team. The Academy is governed by a 7-member Board of Directors that includes four officers (president, vice president, general secretary, and treasurer) and 3 members, and 3 Committees elected from among the ARA Academy membership. As of September 21, 2016, the Academy leadership and governance teams are as follows:

#### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

##### **OFFICERS:**

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Prof. Dr. RUXANDRA VIDU  
University of California Davis, CA, USA

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Prof. Dr. Ildiko PETER  
Polytechnic University of Turin, Italy  
Prof. Dr. Ing. Ioana IONEL  
Universitatea Politehnica Timisoara  
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Universitatea Brasov, Romania  
Prof. Dr. Hab. Dumitru TODOROI  
Academy of Economic Studies, Chisinau

## 2. ACTIVITIES

**2.1. ARA Website** has an importance that no longer needs to be highlighted. ARA Website was first created by Prof. Paraschivoiu, ARA Emeriti President and his team to celebrate the ARA silver anniversary. In the past 4 years, I have been working to develop a more attractive website, reorganize, implement and update the website structure to provide ARA organization with a rejuvenated internet presence, to improve communication between members and between members and the academic world. The main contributor to the re-designed ARA website was Boris Budac, who also provided the maintenance of the website for about 3 years.

I want to thank to Dr. Carmen Sabau for initiating the **In Memorial** webpage. She has also documented and wrote the presentations of the ARA members who passed away

Having a current and up-to-date website provides several strategic purposes for ARA as follows:

- display and promote the ARA logo
- provide updated information to current and potential members
- provide access to ARA's activities and services (e.g. submit online membership application, order books, pay membership dues, pay registration to ARA Congress etc.)
- allow members to interact with the ARA Academy,
- promote ARA's activities

A few ARA webpages (self-explanatory) showing the main changes are presented as follows:







www.americanromanianacademy.org/members

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Gheorghiu, the philosopher Mircea Eliade or presently the Nobel Prize in physiology or medicine, Prof. George E. Palade and the Romanian astronaut Dr. Dumitru-Dorin Prunariu. Some of the invaluable members have passed away but the legacy they left is still alive and cherished by ARA, its members, their families, and all of their friends.

Now after 38 years, ARA has a dedicated following of about 63

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### In Memoriam

Dr. Jon CEPOL - USA (n. 29 August 1924 - d. 24 March 2016) Eng./Bo  
Nicholas Mateescu Matte (n. - d. 2016)  
Jean Negulesco (n. 26 February 1900 - d. 18 July 1993)  
Prof. Mircea EIUAD (n. 13 March 1907 - d. 22 April 1986)  
Acad. Prof. Dr. Stefan LUPASCU (n. 11 August 1900 - 7 October 1988)  
Dr. Mihai Ioan ROTEZ, Canada (n. 29 June 1927 - d. 2 June 1998)  
Acad. Prof. Dr. George Emil PALADE (n. 19 November 1912 - 7 October 2008)  
Prof. Dr. Charles Merritt CARLTON (n. 12 December 1928 - d. 9 March 2008)  
Dr. Mircea Sabau, USA, 1998 (24 August 1934, Turda - 15 June 2009)  
Prof. Ladis K. KRISTOF, USA, 1998 (November 26, 1918 - June 15, 2010)  
Prof. Dr. Ioan TEPELEA, Romania (n. 3 April 1949 - d. 26 March 2012)  
Prof. Dr. Claude G. MATASĂ, USA (n. 1 April 1930 - d. 2012)  
Acad. Gabriel TEPELEA - Romania (n. 6 February 1916 - d. 12 April 2012)  
Prof. Dr. Ion BĂIANU, USA (n. 18 August 1947 - d. 10 February 2013)  
Prof. Dr. Titus SEREDIU (n. 31 October 1957 - d. 16 December 2013)  
Prof. Dr. Mefodie RATA, Republic of Moldova (n. 1 October 1935 - d. 12 August 2013)  
Prof. Radu FIORUSCU, USA, 1998 (October 24, 1925 - May 18, 2014)



**Jean Negulesco**

(n. 26 februarie 1900, Craiova - Romania 1993, Marbella - Spain, 93 ani)

Ion Negulesco (Jean Negulescu) dăruie științei, a fost profesor, rector de filie producător de filme.  
Naționalitate: Român și American. Cetățenie: România, USA.  
Căsătorit cu Dorey Anderson.  
Talentul pentru artă se sesiza timpuriu, când directorul Jean Negulescu, cerea să se înscrie în școala de desen la Școala de Arte din Craiova. În timpul Primului Război Mondial, schimbat un portret al lui George Negulescu se hotărâse să devină pictor, când asistentul George Emaru, clasa și îl compăta cu un portretist. Cu toate că începuse să se joace de pictură la București la Paris și vizitase economia și artele [1].  
Peșteră o vreme frecventază cursurile "Academiei de Arte", neglijând total studiul în cercetare, un mai primar băut de alcool. Pentru a-și angaja existența la ea muzicist român la restaurant, apăsând vioară, în timp ce zina, copiază operele unor muzicieni renumiți, copii pe care le vinde ieftin. În acest timp (1918 - 1929) se împrietărește cu unii din artiștii avangardei pariziene precum Billaudou, Modigliani, Picasso, Souzain, Picasso, Giacometti și alții [1].  
De asemenea, frecventăza cerul dădușilor în fața cu Tristram Tzara, și el originar din România, care era o puteratică influență asupra picturii sale. În majoritatea marelui doctore, se afla în studiul France, unde negreștea propoziția Remon [1].  
În 1927 se căsătorește cu o studentă americană (Dorey Anderson) și se mută la New York, unde își organizează o expoziție de pictură sale. În 1929 divorțează și se stabilește în California, unde

### Ion Cepoi, Engineer

(n. August 29, 1924 - d. March, 24, 2016)



Ion Cepoi was born on 29 August 1924, in Ochot-Ali (Balt, Bessarabia), he was married to Stela.

Studies: Secondary School (Lyceum - High School) in Balt; Military School in Botosani. In 1944 he studied at a Military School in Germany (specialty: Antitank defense). In Magdeburg he registered at a Technical School, in order to be able to emigrate in the USA.

In 1951, he established himself in Toledo (Ohio) and registered at the Faculty of Electronics of the University Purdue (Lafayette, Indiana). Then took classes in Electro-Technics and Electronic Engineering at the California University at Los Angeles (UCLA) and South-California University (USC). He also took courses of Management and Law at the Van Nuys University, where he obtained a PhD degree in Law (1971).

Activity: For 30 years he worked on secret projects in American Companies: Westinghouse Electric Co., Hughes Aircraft and North American Co., where he has devised and participated in the application and development of the equipment for transmission through high voltage tension of force and microwave, for the installation of the Interdimensional Radar (I.D.R.A.D.A.R.).

Beginning with the year 1961, he worked in the Department of Research and Development of Hughes Aircraft Co. in Los Angeles, at the conception and development of microwaves components for different airplanes and rockets.

From 1971 he was hired at the North American Rockwell Company, where he worked for the Brouder B-1 and rockets projects.

In the last 20 years he oriented his activity in personal investments (construction) as well.

#### Publications:

He published articles of Romanian national interest, as:

- "The contribution of Bessarabia in the economy of Grand Romania" in the "America" newspaper and radio channel "Voice of America", 1960;
- "Lascu and Chaz - a Composition" (America, 1985);
- Jean Negulesco, a Life of Creative Endeavor;
- Henri Conde Centenar 1886-1986 - Romanian Contribution to the History of Aviation;



## ARA FULL Members ARA Members USA

Dr. Virgil ADUMITROAIE, 2015  
Dr. Constantin ANDRONACHE  
Ms. Liliana BADEA  
Acad. Alexandru BALABAN  
Prof. Dr. Ion BĂLANU (n. 18 August 1947 - d. 10 February 2013)  
Dr. Cristian BĂLAN  
Ms. Hoertenzia BECIU, M.D., MPH, 2015  
Prof. Dr. Adrian BEJAN  
Prof. Dr. Petru BOIERU  
Mr. Miron BOICA  
Dr. Constantin BULUCEA, 2014  
Mr. Andrei CAJUL, 2014  
Prof. Earl CARSTENS, 2016  
Eng. Florea CĂTĂNESCU, 2014  
Dr. Ion CEPOI  
Mrs. Stela CEPOI  
Mrs. Ana Radu CHELARIU  
Dr. Eugen CHIVU, 2014  
Dr. Marin CIOBANU  
Prof. Aurel CIUȚECU  
Mrs. Manuela J. COMMENE-SELLES  
Prof. Dr. Ileana COSTEA  
Dr. Ioana COZMUTA, 2014  
Prof. Dr. Theodor DAMIAN, 2013  
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Prof. Valentin DRĂGOI  
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Dr. Mikhail A. LEBEDEV, 2015  
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## ARA Corresponding Members ARA Members Romania

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Dr. Veronica BALAJ  
Prof. Gheorghe BĂRLEA  
Prof. Mihály BENCZE  
Prof. Dr. Corneliu BERBENTE  
Acad. Ovidiu BOJOR  
Dr. Ionel BOSTAN  
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Discipline: Fine Art  
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**INTERESTS:** ALEXANDRU DARIDA IS AN ARTIST KNOWN FOR HIS PIONEERING ACTIVIST ART. HIS WORK INCLUDES OIL PAINTINGS, DRAWINGS AND ACRYLIC SCULPTURES THAT SPEAK TO SUCH DIVERSE SUBJECTS AS STEM CELL RESEARCH AND THE RELATIONSHIP OF MAN WITH NATURE. DARIDA'S PASSION FOR MUSIC AND PHILOSOPHY AND CRAVING TO DISCOVER AN IDEAL OF PURITY INFORM HIS SUBJECTS WHICH ARE IN A STATE OF CONSTANT FLUX. HE SAYS "IF THE PAINTING IS TO BE THE CLEAREST AND MOST ACCURATE MIRROR OF A GIVEN PERIOD THE ARTIST HAS TO BE ABLE TO CONSTANTLY GO THROUGH A METAMORPHOSIS". DARIDA TACKLES CONTROVERSIAL ISSUES SUCH AS STEM CELL RESEARCH, JENNIFER GREEN ENERGY SUBJECTS, MAN'S PLACE IN RELATION TO NATURE AND MUSIC RELATED TO THE COSMIC FORCES. IN ART WORLD NEWS 2008 SARAH SEAMARK EDITOR IN CHIEF WROTE "DARIDA INTENDS THAT HIS ORGANIC PAINTINGS ACT AS A CATALYST TO INSPIRE THOSE WHO VIEW THEM TO REACH INTO THEIR SOUL AND CONNECT WITH NATURE. HE IS USING HIS GIFT AS AN ARTIST NOT ONLY AS A MIRROR,



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Arcade, Leonid M.; Manea, Ion and Stamatescu, Elena  
Editors  
Homo Religiosus: To Honor Mircea Eliade.

ARA Website update, maintenance and improvements consist of a series of update and maintenance activities, such as:

- members activities and news
- book and paper publishing (online system)
- ARA Congress updates
- archive and digital library
- ARA news and updates, announcements
- easy access to members information to facilitate collaborations and networking

**Important!** ARA member personal information is confidential, and we do not share email addresses.

### 3. ARA MEMBERSHIP

ARA members are already making an impact in the U.S., Romania and globally. This is why it is so important to be an Academy of the highest standing and excellence. Becoming an Academy was an achievement decade in the making. It reflects the great professional distinction of our members and their significant contributions to arts and sciences. Today, I would like to take time to recognize and celebrate our members all over the world.

#### 3.1. Elected ARA Members

As you know, Full and Corresponding Members of ARA are elected by their peers in recognition of outstanding achievements. Our members have made breakthrough discoveries, they are professors, members of the Romanian Academy, the Academy of Romanian Scientists and the Academy of Medical Sciences etc and researchers at the cutting edge of major scientific breakthroughs who brought contributions that have advanced life for all of us, they are internationally recognized artists, architects, musicians that committed to advance the mission of ARA. They truly represent the best and the brightest of Romanian origin.

During the past 4 years, ARA elected 59 new members (Table 1) out of which 50 Full Members and 9 Corresponding Members, and 2 Honorary members: Prof. Stefan Hell and Prof. Dan Fornade.

Table 1: List of the 2013-2017 Elected ARA Members

2013-2017 ARA Full Members		2013-2017 ARA Corr. Members	
1	Adumitroaie, Virgil (USA)	1	Baciu, Sergiu (RM)
2	Andrian, Roxanne (USA)	2	Balescu, Cornel, PhD (RO)
3	Angheluta Buzatu, Elena (USA)	3	Chistruga, Boris (RM)
4	Beciu, Hortenzia (USA)	4	Neacsu, Ioan (RO)
5	Bulucea, Constantin (USA)	5	Nichita, Elena (RO)
6	Calciu, Andrei (USA)	6	Pantelimon, Oana Manuela (RO)
7	Carstens, Earl (USA)	7	Shandru, Ovidiu Ilie (RO)
8	Catanescu, Florea (USA)	8	Surugiu, Paul (Fuego) (RO)
9	Centikaya, Sevil (Turkey)	9	Toaca, Zinovia (RM)
10	Chivu, Eugen (USA)		
11	Cozmuta, Ioana (USA)		
12	Darida, Alexandru (USA)		
13	Dragoi, Danut (USA)		
14	Dragoi, Valentin (USA)		
15	Drechsler, Daniel (USA)		
16	Favier, Lidia, PhD (France)		
17	Halus, Eva (Canada)		
18	Hilt, Silvia, PhD (USA)		
19	Hurduzeu Andreea (USA)		
20	Ilies, Marc Antoniu (USA)		
21	Imbarus, Aura (USA)		
22	Iordache, Coca Angela (The Netherlands)		
23	Kamoun, Najoua (Tunisia)		



- 24 Lebedev, Mikhail (USA)
- 25 Lelea, Margareta (USA)
- 26 Marcu, Loredana (Australia)
- 27 Martea, Galina (The Netherlands)
- 28 Mateescu, Claudia G. (USA)
- 29 Mateescu, Gheorghe (USA)
- 30 Matekovits, Ladislau (Italy)
- 31 Mindicanu, Ala (Canada)
- 32 Mion Pop, Maria (Italy)
- 33 Nguyen, Thi Hoa (Vietnam)
- 34 Onica, Ioana (USA)
- 35 Oprea, Tudor (USA)
- 36 Opris, Anca Liliana (USA)
- 37 Opris, Ioan (USA)
- 38 Peter, Ildiko (Italy)
- 39 Pop, Sergiu (USA)
- 40 Puscas, Smaranda Simona (Italy)
- 41 Rahmn, Masoud (USA)
- 42 Rotundu, Costel (USA)
- 43 Sarchisian, Adrian (USA)
- 44 Sirghi, Diana (Italy)
- 45 Sirghi, Florin (Italy)
- 46 Sporea, Radu Alexandru (England)
- 47 Stana, Vittorio (Canada)
- 48 Stanciu, Lia (USA)
- 49 Tuculescu Poenaru, Carmen (Canada)
- 50 Zigoreanu, Lucian (USA)

Table 2 presents the number of elected ARA Full and Corresponding Members per year. The election procedure is a laborious process that involves discussions with the ARA members

to nominate new members, discussions with the potential members, nomination, preparation of the documentation for the ballot, prepare the vote and sending out the ballot, the vote, the election, and the announcement of the election. It can be seen in Table 2 that in the first year, 26 personalities were selected and nominated to become ARA members. This is because I had more time to dedicate to the real academic mission of ARA, compared to the 4<sup>th</sup> year,

when the Board and I had to manage a crisis that could have an impact on ARA members if not managed well. The ARA list of members on ARA website is updated constantly:

<http://www.americanromanianacademy.org/list-of-members>

**Table. 2014-2017 ARA elected members**

<b>Year</b>	<b>Full Member</b>	<b>Corresponding Member</b>
<b>2014</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>2015</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>2016</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>2017</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>9</b>

### 3.2. ARA Membership composition

An analysis of the composition of ARA members performed in 2013 revealed that the ratio between Corresponding to Full members was 69.72%, which was much higher than the 50 % ratio imposed by ARA Bylaws. This meant that for the next few years, the number of the elected Full members had to be much higher than the elected Corresponding members.

Figure 3 shows the composition of ARA members in 2013 in comparison to 2017. In the past four years, the increase in the number of Full members resulted in a correction of the membership balance and a ratio of 53.46% was achieved.

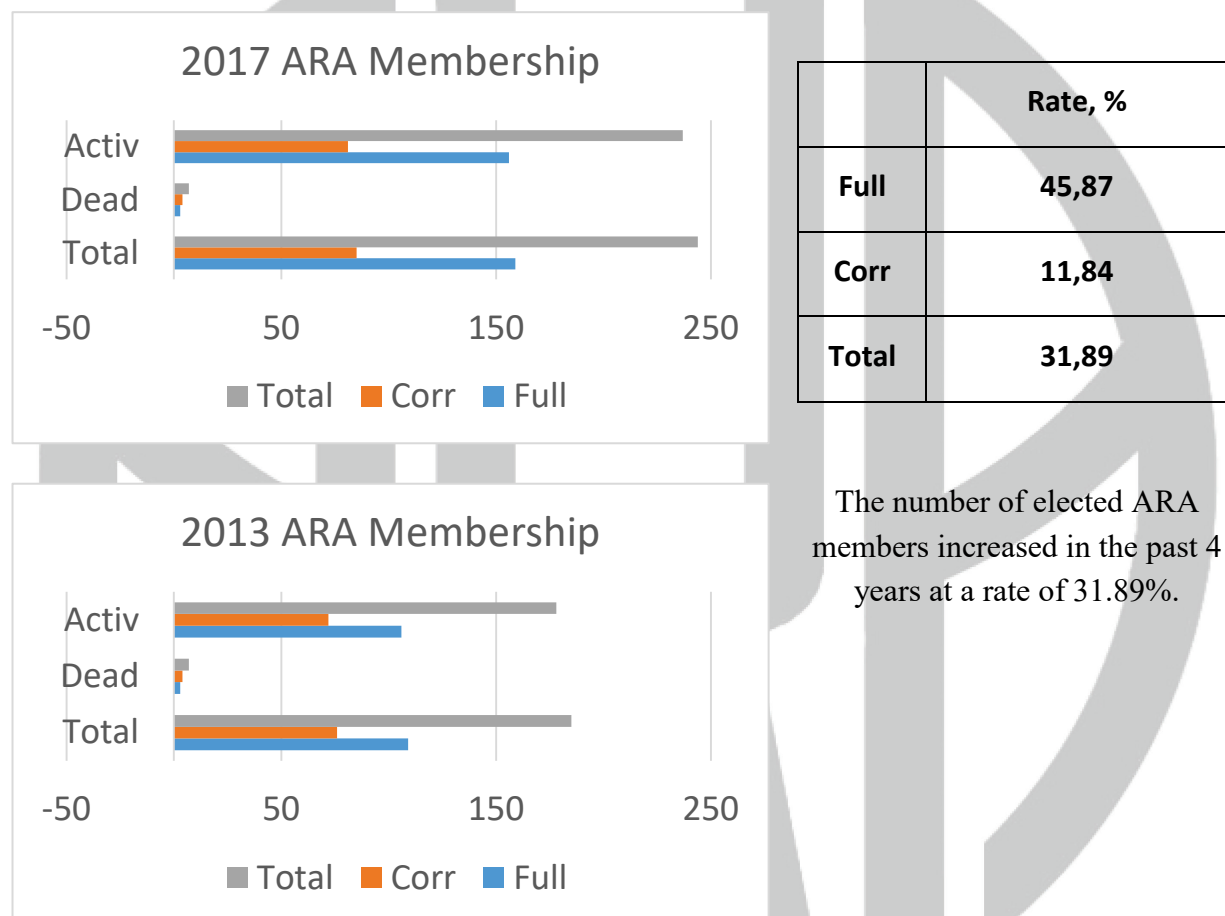


Figure 3. Charts of the ARA membership composition in 2017 vs 2013.

The increase in the number of elected ARA members had a striking impact on the income of ARA coming from membership, as illustrated in Figure 4. Compared to 2013, an increase of 42.75 % and 71.90 % were observed for 2016 and 2017, respectively.

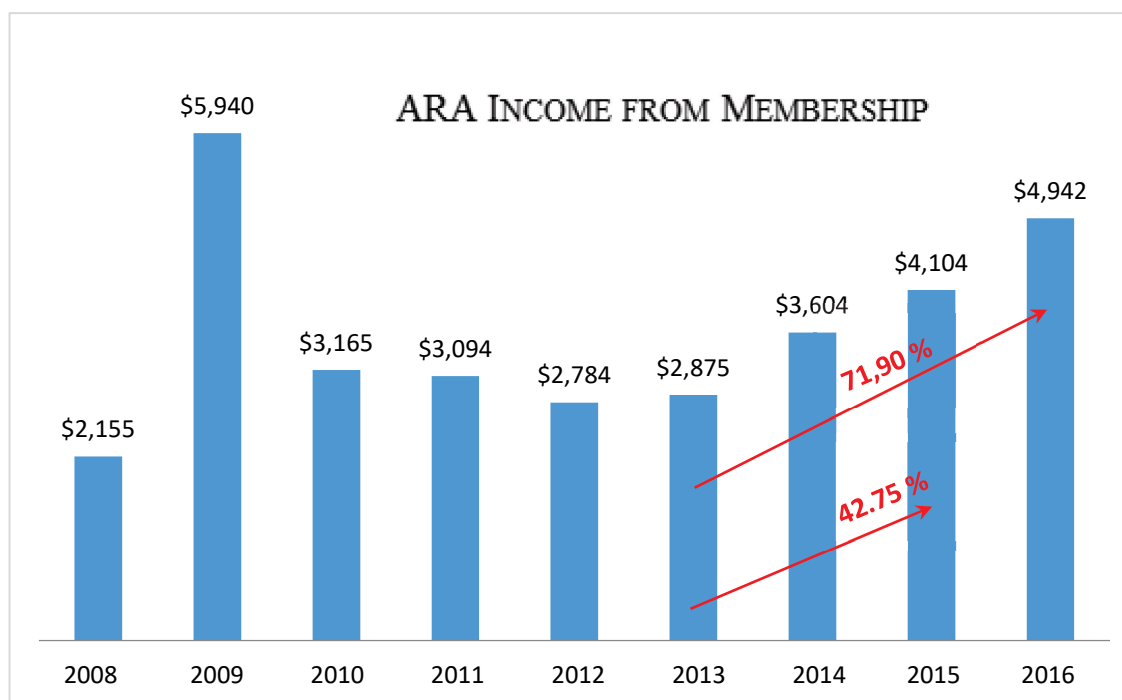


Figure 4. The evolution of ARA income from membership during 2008-2017 (note: the income for 2014, 2015 and 2016 are estimated from the data available to us.

However, the income from membership is much smaller than that expected from the total number of members. For example, a brief analysis of the income from membership for 2015 (Table ) shows that the total income for ARA from membership should be \$17,300. According to Figure 4, the actual income was \$4104, i.e. only 23.72% of the total income.

Table Estimated ARA membership income for 2015

Membership type	active members	Annual Membership income
HM	38	\$0
EM	10	\$500
BM	4	\$0
FM	87	
Global	55	
Global + FM	142	\$15,200
CM	80	\$1,600
<b>Total annual income from membership</b>		<b>\$17,300</b>

However, during the time when Dinu Lente was ARA Treasurer, the financial information that he presented to the Board was very uncertain, the amount of the income from membership changing literary from one page to another. Figure 5 show an example of two pages taken from Dinu Leonte's financial report, were the amount of income from membership varies from \$4,104 to \$4,396. Which value is correct? We do not know because he refused to present us with any kind of records showing either the source of the money or the receipts that he was supposed to give to members.

	Member Name	Country of Origin	Membership Type	2014 Paid Member ship	2014 Membership Payment	2014 Membership Payment	2015 Paid Member ship	2015 M
108	Lawson Laura							
109	Samachisa George & Dana							
110	Radu Radulescu Felicia							
111	Budac Abigaila							
112	G&F Painting.							
113								
114	EXPENSES							
115	ARA-39 Advance							
116	Zaraza Banquet							
117	Mircea Sabau Award							
118	TOTAL			\$4,062.84		\$4,104.44		
119				54+1 membership		51+1 membership		
120				31 Full+(4+1) Emeriti+19 CM		24 Full+5 Emeriti+23 CM		
121								

**2015 data source from file:**  
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	ARA-39 (2015)	ARA-38 (2014)
IFN CalTech/Pasadena		
Congress Income	\$4,774.12	\$10,576.72
Membership	\$4,396.12	\$4,192.84
Donations	\$2,196.61	\$2,833.62
TOTAL Income	\$11,363.85	\$17,603.18
Total Congress+Donations	\$6,967.73	\$13,410.34
Total ARA-39 Expense	\$3,763.45	\$12,642.54
Congress Net Income	\$3,204.28	\$767.80

Figure 5. Illustration showing income values from membership from two MS Excel worksheets presented by Dinu Leonte on October 14, 2015

### 3.3. ARA membership geographical spreading

As of today, ARA has 290 members including non-active and/or dead. Geographical spreading of ARA membership and the number of members per the 15 countries (Figure 6).

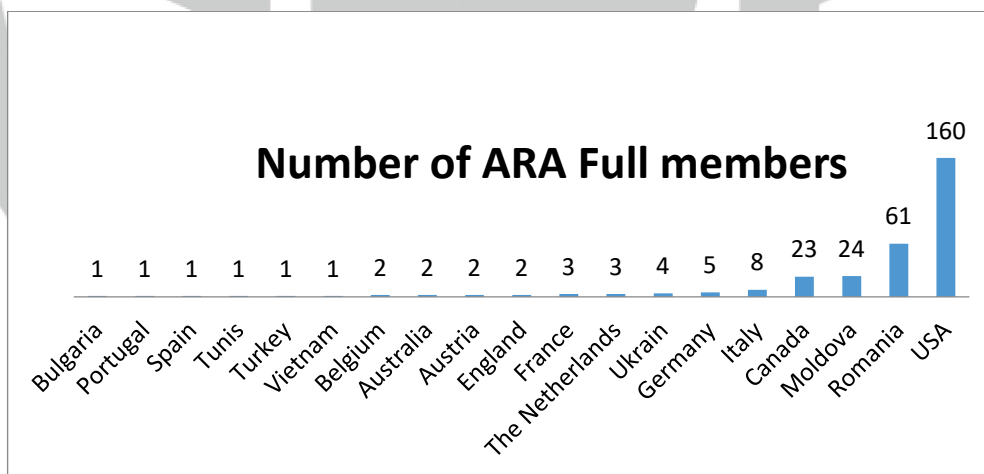


Figure 6. Chart representing the number of Full and Corresponding members in each country.

Recent achievements of our members are highlighted in the ARA Newsletter that we have just re-started last year, after 16-years absence.

Each member should have a link to a webpage he/she owns, or a short presentation of his/her activity, which should be updated constantly.



## 4. Bylaws

John F. Kennedy once said, “Time and the world do not stand still. Change is the law of life.” This is so true especially for ARA’s Bylaws that used for 40 years a terminology that became obsolete and gave rise to speculations and misinterpretations when compared to the California Corporate Code.

The ARA bylaws has been long overdue for a structural overhaul as it has not been revised in 40 years. As a nonprofit organization that was legally formed as a nonprofit 501(c)(3) corporation under California state law, **ARA bylaws needed to be restructured to comply with the current California Corporations Code**. The Amendments to the ARA bylaws have been presented to ARA members one month before the 40<sup>th</sup> Congress, and then discussed, explained and agreed in 2017 General Assembly. The amendments to ARA bylaws follows the standard bylaws of a current nonprofit 501(c)(3) corporation under California state law.

One prominent change is related to the ARA governance structure terminology, where the ARA governing bodies were renamed according to the California rules, i.e. the **ARA governing body called Executive Committee** changed the name to **Board of Directors**. Similarly, the names of committees have changed to improve the activities of the ARA organization. Changes to ARA's status were approved by majority vote on September 21, 2016.

## 5. Publications

Historically, ARA publications consisted of books, ARA Journal (1977-2004), ARA Congress Proceedings (2000-present), Libertas Mathematica (1981-2000), Libertas Mathematica new series (2012-present).

ARA Publications were published under the ARA Academy, but the publications were published by various publishing houses and there was no publication inventory were kept at people’s garages. In 2014, leveraging on my expertise as a publisher in the United States working with major Publishing Houses, I organized the **ARA Publisher** as the first Publishing House of the ARA Academy. and signed a contract with a major printing company. The printing company offers a wide range of advantages including world-wide exposure through online retailers such as *Amazon* and *Barn and Nobles*, and there is no need to carry inventory. In this way, I was able to align the ARA Academy to a modern and dynamic editorial services that would benefit our partners and collaborators from the Romanian Academy, the Academy of Romanian Scientists and the Academy of Medical Sciences. Also, the ARA Publisher make available to everyone, worldwide, our publications through the online retailers, eliminating ARA’s dependence on someone’s garage space.

**5.1 ARA Journal:** started as the main publication of ARA in 1977, to publish papers presented at the ARA Congress. In 2004 the last issue of ARA Journal was published and my understanding is that it was replaced with the ARA Congress Proceedings. This is because while the ARA Journal would publish the papers after there were presented at a Congress, ARA Congress Proceedings was published before the Congress. These are only my observations, because no one could tell me why the

publication of the ARA Journal was interrupted in 2004. The ARA Journal will be re-started if members so request.

**5.2. ARA Congress Proceedings.** For the past for years, the ARA Congress Proceedings have been published using the new digital print-on-demand system that offers a multitude of ways to increase the bottom line through smarter inventory management and more capable services; to meet customer demand without overprinting, take control of printing costs, increase ARA's market exposure through more than 39,000 retailers, libraries, and other points of sale, improve inventory control and significantly reduce overhead by eliminating warehousing costs, access to the world's largest book distribution network of wholesalers, retailers, and book sellers.

The following ARA Congress Proceedings have been published using mostly volunteers to format, edit and prepare the book for publication. The 2015 and 2016 pictures used on the front cover of the proceedings were the images of painting donations. I want to use this opportunity to **thank very much to Alexandru Darida, Luminita Gliga, Carmen Doreal si Mihai Teodor Olteanu for their kind donations.**

**Also, the papers presented at the ARA Congresses in the past 3 years received an unique DOI number and published online in an open source.** The open source system allows for papers to have maximum exposer and to be cited.

**Proceedings of the 38th ARA Congress**

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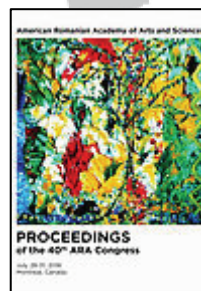
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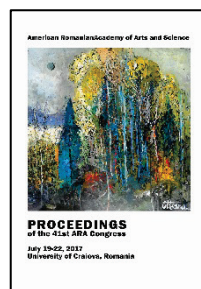
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### Proceedings of the 41th ARA Congress

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Ruxandra Botez  
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**ARA Publishing House**  
ISBN: 978-1-935924-20-3



**5.3. Libertas Mathematica (ISSN 0278-5307)** "had been published yearly under the auspices of the American Romanian Academy of Arts and Sciences (ARA), but self-supported, since 1981. This publication was founded and edited by Acad. Constantin Corduneanu, ARA President Emeritus." (source: website).

The Libertas Mathematica new series, Editor Vasile Staicu, started in 2012. The next figures show a couple of pages of the website that hosts the journal. Unfortunately, the ARA logo is not displayed.

The top screenshot displays the website for **LIBERTAS MATHEMATICA (VOL.I-XXXI)**, identified as the 'PUBLISHING SYSTEM OF THE AMERICAN ROMANIAN ACADEMY OF ARTS AND SCIENCE'. The page includes a navigation bar with links like HOME, ABOUT, LOGIN, REGISTER, SEARCH, CURRENT, and ARCHIVES. A sidebar on the right contains sections for 'OPEN JOURNAL SYSTEMS', 'Journal Help', 'USER' (with fields for Username and Password), 'SUBSCRIPTION', 'NOTIFICATIONS', and 'JOURNAL CONTENT'. The main content area features a 'Back Issues' section with a list of years from 2011 to 2009.

The bottom screenshot shows the 'Libertas Mathematica (new series)' page, 'under the auspices of the American Romanian Academy'. It has a navigation bar with links: ABOUT THE JOURNAL, EDITORIAL BOARD, FREE VOLUME, EXCHANGE PARTNERS, and ANNOUNCEMENTS. The 'About the Journal' section provides details about the new series, including the first volume (vol.32, 2012), its self-supported status, the Editor-in-Chief (Vasile Staicu), and the ISSN (0278-5307). It also mentions support from the University of Aveiro and CIDMA. A sidebar on the right features a cover image of the journal and links to the 'Archive of LMNS', 'Submit or Review a PAPER', and 'Peer Review'.



## 5.4. BOOKS PUBLISHED BY ARA PUBLISHER

The following books have been published by ARA using the new printing system set up in 2014 as the ARA Publisher, a Publishing House in California.



### CLASH OVER ROMANIA, Vol. II. British and American Policies toward Romania: 1938 - 1947, the 2nd Edition.

by Paul D. Quinlan (Author)

Editors: Oana Leonte, Ioana L. Ene

Paperback: 306 pages

ARA Publisher; 2nd edition (July 11, 2014)

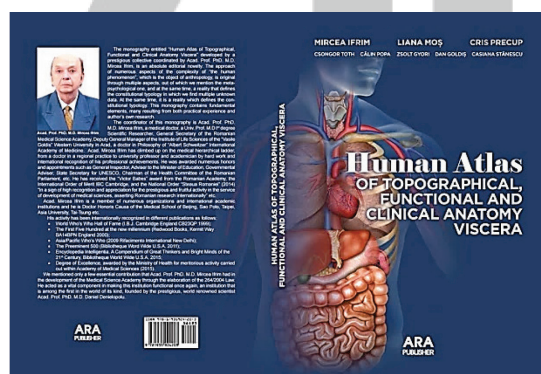
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### HUMAN ATLAS OF TOPOGRAPHICAL, FUNCTIONAL AND CLINICAL ANATOMY VISCERA

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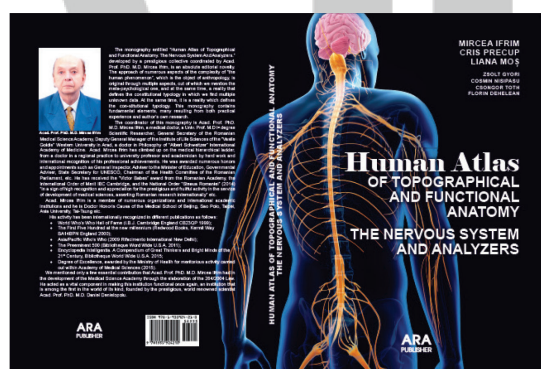
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### CREAREA SOCIETATII CONSTIINTEI, EDITIA A VI-A: MATERIALELE TELECONFERINTEI INTERNATIONALE A TINERILOR CERCETATORI (Romanian Edition)

June 28, 2017

by [Dumitru Todoroi](#) (Author)

Now Available On:  
**amazon.com**

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All the books we published through ARA Publisher are available online through **Amazon** and **Barns and Noble**. Regarding Amazon, I was able to provide also my expertise in e-conversion, so that the books are available in Kindle format (a system that allows readers to read books on electronic devices).

## 6. ARA DIGITAL LIBRARY

This is a premier for ARA, which will increase tremendously the visibility of ARA in the international academic community. Since the whole ARA archive of documents and over 6,000 books, ARA Journals, has been lost due to Oana and Dinu Leonte, **I lunched last year a daring initiative called “ARA Digital Library” with the key goal to restore ARA history.** This initiative started to gain support from ARA members and non-members. This initiative focusses on identifying the ARA publications, press releases and media presence, for the past 40+ years.

ARA books have been scanned, converted to editable document and then re-edited in a new format. The books were published as a second edition with a new cover. All the work has been done voluntarily by ARA members and didn't cost ARA any money. See a couple of books that were digitalized or in the digitalization process.



In 1990, at the 85-year-old anniversary of Ionel Jianu, American Romanian Academy of Arts and Sciences has published his book “Un om, or viață, un destin, Ionel Jianu și opera lui”. The book was presented at the ARA Congress in Montreal. The book written by Ionel Jianu is the first edition published under the ARA’s auspices at the Mircea Eliade Research Institute and includes short stories and essays on Jianu’s work and friends such as Petru Comarnescu, Mircea Eliade, Constantin Noica etc.

## 7. ARA NEWSLETTER

In 2016, the ARA Newsletter was restarted. For years, the Editorial board of ARA newsletter was led by Prof. Aleksandra Gruzinska. Last year, I proposed a new digital format for the ARA Newsletter, a modern new layout, which gives ARA the ability to upload and distribute the newsletter worldwide.



## 8. ARA HEADQUARTER EXPENSES

Table shows the expenses occurred during the past 4 years. All the expenses were supported with my own money. All the expenses are well-documented and supported by receipts, according to the United States accounting practices. Starting 2014, Dinu Leonte, the former Treasurer, has refused to reimburse me for the ARA expenses invoking various reasons, some of which were lies and the other were pure speculations and interpretations. It went so far to accuse me to having him removed from the Treasurer position so I could get access the ARA money and get my hands on the money!

As of today, **I was not reimbursed for the expenses incurred with the ARA expenses** in the four-year term of presidency. The following table shows the ARA Office expenses incurred in the last 4 years.

<b>2013-2017 ARA Office Expenses</b>	
2013	\$322.51
2014	3232.42
2015	1927.25
2016	3852.16
2017	3049.,35
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$12,383.69</b>

## **9. PARTNESHIPS AND COLLABORATIONS**

During the past 4 years, ARA was a dynamic promoter of the world-wide Romanian academic and interdisciplinary intellectuals in arts and sciences. In my efforts to increase national and international visibility and recognition of ARA, I have actively initiated and established cooperation and collaborations in arts and sciences with national and international academies, universities, institutes and academic societies all over the word.

As a result, two Agreements have been signed with the Academy of Medical Sciences of Romania and with the Academy of Romanian Scientists.

On April 4, 2016, I was invited to the celebration of 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Romanian Academy. The American Romanian Academy's presence at the event solidified the relationship between the two organizations and strengthened ties between the Romanian and American academies. The Romanian Academy recognized that all organizations abroad, such as the American Romanian Academy, are doing to promote academic excellence within the Diaspora. The event was attended

The American Romanian Academy continues to foster relationships with prestigious organizations abroad, sustaining the tradition of intellectual development and academic progress, being an inspiration for the younger generation.

## **10. CONCLUSIONS**

During my four-year presidency of ARA, my goal was to boost the Academy in line with a dynamic program to uniquely position ARA in the international academic community. Together with a great leadership team and wonderful members we organized 4 Congresses, we increased the number of members, we initiated new programs, published books through a new and modern ARA Publishing House, and increased the visibility of ARA in the international academic community.

I look forward to the future of this organization and the amazing things we will accomplish together. With persistence and resilience, I have faith that in the years to come ARA will expand its horizons with greater visibility and membership. I am also hopeful that together we can get ARA back on a healthy track, both financially and culturally.

Prof. Ruxandra Vidu  
President of ARA