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This historical milestone is the creation of Dr. **Ion Paraschivoiu** and his team. Among those who contributed to the web page is **Alexandru Vlad Lungu** [<mailto:mailto:atvl@colba.net>]. For several months they have been hard at work in developing an attractive and informative web page just in time to celebrate ARA's silver anniversary. ARA members who visit the web site will find the familiar ARA logo, the history of the development of our organization, its by-laws, the latest updated list of ARA members and members of the Executive Committee, as well as the program for the ARA Congress 2000 in Cleveland. More information is to follow. As the web page becomes a true information messenger, it will include a list of ARA Publications, the *ARA Newsletter*, open to the public, and an electronic version of the *ARA Journal* for members only. Those who have already visited the web page have nothing but praise for it. Here is a sampling of enthusiastic comments: Dr. Gabriel Plesea calls the web page a "timely ARA achievement . . . Congratulations are in order for Prof. Paraschivoiu and his team for initiating, organizing and implementing this extremely important and useful project. The pages will give all ARA members the opportunity of learning quickly and first hand of the Academy's activity, publications, programs and other matters of interest for all concerned." Professor Paola Timiras is enthusiastic about the page's excellent presentation and content. She adds that: "I am only sorry that my husband is not here any longer to see how well ARA has progressed from its early and modest beginnings." Dr. Fabian Todor writes from Montreal: "I would like to congratulate Professor Paraschivoiu for the realization of the ARA web site on the Internet. It is a window open onto the world and constitutes a major achievement in the history of this scholarly institution." Professor Florin Ionescu writes in Romanian: "Felicitari din suflet pentru initiativa, executie si reusita! De asemenea si celor care au contribuit la realizarea activitatilor ARA, imbunatatirea comunicarii de plecare pentru unificarea activitatilor ARA, imbunatatirea comunicarii intre membrii asupra ARA!"

Please note the address and consult it for all the latest information about ARA. Let us know what you think of it and tell us what else you would like to see included. Congratulations to Professor Paraschivoiu and the members of the ARA web page team! They deserve our thanks for the many hours and the planning they have put into this extraordinary window, which bring the world to ARA.

From the President

Many activities contribute to make ARA a strong professional organization. First and foremost are its annual congress, ARA publications, and the joint projects that have been developed between Romanian Scholars, Scholars of Romanian origin and their friends. Collaborative links have been established with other institutions, universities and research institutes within Romania, Moldova and the Diaspora.

Yet, ARA remains strong thanks to the continuous effort, professional talent, and creative imagination of its members. ARA needs our active involvement. As professors, researchers and leaders at our respective institutions, our responsibilities are many, and the time to accomplish them is limited. Nonetheless, ARA needs some of that valuable time in order to put in place some ambitious projects that will enhance its activities. In his leadership position as ARA President, Dr. Ion Paraschivoiu has generously engaged his departmental secretary, who spends time and overtime on ARA related activities. They have already resulted in major improvements:

- 1) ARA archives are now in place. They will give our organization a greater sense of continuity, stability and efficiency. We know "who is who" in ARA. We now can contact our members at their institution or at home, by telephone, fax or e-mail. We know what their interests are.
- 2) Newly designed ID cards and expiration dates have been sent to all members.
- 3) New members in all categories (Full, Corresponding and Honorary) have joined the ranks of ARA.
- 4) Contacts are in place with the Romanian Academy of Sciences of Moldova, the SOROS Foundation of Moldova, and the University of Liège (Belgium). Special recognition and thanks are due to Professors Liviu Masalar and Henry Lecocq at the University of Liège.
- 5) The ARA Newsletter has a new brochure-type format and improved professional look.
- 6) ARA Branches have been created in different regions of the United States, Canada, Europe and other parts of the world. Each branch has its designated director whom members can contact for information.

Many projects remain to be accomplished

- 1) ARA needs more full members. All current members are urged to join in the effort to actively recruit colleagues and friends, Romanian scholars, those of Romanian descent, and those interested in Romanian affairs.
- 2) The question of dues for emeriti members needs to be revisited at a future General Assembly.
- 3) The 25th Congress is ARA's Silver Anniversary. We plan to celebrate it with a show of pride: there will be Round Tables and Book Exhibits. ARA's history in pictures and Romanian art will be showcased. We plan to enhance these projects with cultural activities and a Banquet. The Congress in Cleveland will also feature a plenary session dedicated to ARA, its history and future growth. Some 105 participants plan to present their research. Past presidents, Prof. Maria Manoliu-Manea and Prof. Constantin Corduneanu will be on hand to celebrate this historic occasion.
- 4) The *ARA Journal* is in need of a full **Editorial Board**. The creation of such a board presents a unique opportunity and responsibility for ambitious and enterprising scholars. Interested persons who have editorial experience and wish to be considered for inclusion in the editorial board should contact Dr. Ion Paraschivoiu, ARA President, or Dr. Monica Grecu, ARA Secretary General.
- 5) Once the Editorial Board is in place, it will assume the responsibility of selecting new titles to be published in the future, as well as titles such as *Libertas Mathematica*, which has enjoyed a long history of success under the editorship of Dr. Corduneanu.
- 6) Efforts are being considered to welcome back members who have left ARA, and who still remain active scholars.
- 7) The ARA Newsletter welcomes news about the professional success of its members. News items may include publications of books, distinctions, and appointments. Publishers who supply 250 copies of their full-page announcements of new publications will see them included in the newsletter.

9) Finally, this is the right opportunity to remind members and friends that contributions to ARA are tax deductible. ARA welcomes and encourages the **financial support** of its members and benefactors.

A reminder about the 25th ARA Congress in Cleveland, Ohio:

It will take place from July 12 to 16, 2000 at the Case Western Reserve University Law School in Cleveland, Ohio. Dr. Petru Cocirteu is chairman and Dr. Nicolae Pavel and Prof. Hiram E. Chodosh are co-Chairmen

Congress languages include English, Romanian and French. Registration begins in the afternoon on July 12th. Plenary and parallel sessions and the ARA General Assembly take place on July 13, 14, 15, concluding with a Social event on July 16th. The local Organizing Committee decided by itself to change the option of accommodation "On Campus Housing" and to replace it by a hotel accommodation. Dan Trif arranged a group rate at the Radisson Hotel Beachwood, 26 300 Chagrin Blvd., Beachwood, Ohio 44122. Please contact the hotel directly at 1-800-333-3333 and mention the ARA Congress when making reservations. Dan Trif may be reached at (440) 786-9229, by Fax at (440) 786-9232, or by e-mail: blueplanetrvl@core.com. Please bring your **Power of Attorney** "Delegatie" to the General Assembly. In case you do not plan to attend the meeting, please mail it to Professor Ion Paraschivoiu or another member in good standing whom you have empowered to vote for you.

In the context of this Congress there are: 3 plenary sessions. The Opening Session entitled "An ARA Celebration" will take place on Thursday, July 13, 2000 from 9h30 AM to 12h30 PM at the Radisson Hotel Beachwood. Some 140 participants will present their research in 36 Parallel Sessions. The time allocated to each oral presentation (parallel sessions) is strictly limited to **25 MINUTES** (including a few questions/answers). ARA has prepared the Technical Program Brochure of the Congress.

A very special distinction

On May 3-4, 2000, the AIAC (Aerospace Industries Association of Canada) Aerospace Technology Collaboration Forum was held at the Carleton University in Ottawa (Canada). At a ceremony held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Ottawa, **Dr. Ion Paraschivoiu** was awarded the **Prize for Outstanding Collaborative University-Industry Project**. Mr. Marc Villeneuve, Director of Advanced Technology, Bombardier Aerospace, presented the award. Congratulations to Dr. Paraschivoiu.

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Activities of ARA members

Prof. C. Corduneanu has been a Colloquium speaker at the Houston University (Downtown) on March 29 (2000) on "Functional Equations with Abstract Volterra Operators." On April 14 (2000) he spoke again at the University of Pittsburgh on "Neutral Functional Equations with Causal Operators" and their applications. During his two weeks in Romania, from April 25 to May 9, 2000, he visited his Alma Mater, the University "A.I. Cuza" of Iasi, and the Romanian American University of Bucharest. The later was the object of discussions concerning an exchange program with the Texas Christian University of Fort Worth, Texas.

New Books

Bajenaru, George. *O Lumina. Poezii de la Dumnezeu*. Editura Cema, Bucuresti, 1999. ISBN: 973-98514-7-9.

King, Charles. *The Moldovans: Romania, Russia, and the Politics of Culture*. Stanford, CA.: Hoover Institution Press, 1999. ISBN: 0-8179-9791-1 (Cloth); ISBN: 0-8179-97-92-X (paperback).

Perry, Thomas Amherst. *Passage to Romania*. American Literature in Romania. The Center for Romanian Studies (Iasi, Romania; Oxford, Portland), 2000. (Forthcoming in October). ISBN: 973-9432-19-0.

Stolojan, Sanda. *Au Balcon de l'Exil Roumain à Paris*. Avec Cioran, Eugène Ionesco, Mircea Eliade, Vintila Horia. Paris: Editions L'Harmattan, 1999. ISBN 2-7384-83-86-0.

Some apologies are due for errors in the latest ARA Journal 23/24 (1999):

Errors exist in the list of members and in other areas of the journal. The confusion is due to insufficient information at the time of printing. Please be advised that the correct list of members is posted on the ARA web site. Feel free to consult it. **Some passages by Dr. Thomas Amherst Perry have been published in the ARA Journal (pages 48-53) without duly acknowledging that the material has been copyrighted by the Center for Romanian Studies**, Iasi, Oxford, Portland and is forthcoming next October. To avoid similar errors in the future it will be absolutely necessary to create a group of editors rather than entrust one person with a very demanding and responsible task which includes typing, proofreading in three languages, setting the pages, graphics, etc. I offer the expression of my apologies to all members who may have been inconvenienced. **Christian Balan, Editor, ARA Journal.**

Resignations (1999-2000)

- Dr. Constantin Bucur (Germany)
- Mr. George Cristoveanu (Canada)
- Dr. Domnita Dumitrescu (USA)
- Dr. George Hancock-Stefan (USA)
- Mr. John Moldovan (USA)
- Dr. Ovidiu Statescu (USA)

In Memoriam

Ion Ratiu, a former presidential candidate who once chained himself to the railings outside London's Ritz hotel to protest the plight of Romanians under communism, has died at the age of 82. In the United States, he has endowed the Ion Ratiu chair of Romanian Studies at Georgetown University. As a friend and benefactor of ARA, he will be greatly missed. ARA wishes to remember Ion Ratiu and expresses its deepest sympathy to the family of this remarkable personality.

Professor dr. ing. **Aurel Berghazan** was a full member candidate and would have become an ARA member had it not been for his untimely death in Brussels (Belgium). He was a distinguished scholar, a valued teacher and a man appreciated by his colleagues and friends for his open mindedness and warmth. ARA shares in the loss his family feels.

A.R.A. PUBLICATIONS

Proceedings

Surugiu, L. and Paraschivoiu, I. Editors. **Proceedings of The 25th Congress of the American Romanian Academy of Arts and Sciences (ARA)**. Polytechnic International Press, Montréal. 2000. ISBN 2-553-00806-6. 375 p. \$25.00

Books

- Essays on E. M. Cioran**. Aleksandra Gruzinska, Editor. Contributors include Leonid Arcade, Florin Berindeanu, Peter G. Christensen, Andrei Codrescu, Aleksandra Gruzinska, Ovid Hurd, Ingeborg M. Kohn, Standa Stolojan, 1999. \$30.00
- Manea, Ion and Grindea, Daniel. Editors. **Români în Stiinta și Cultura Occidentala. Enciclopedie** 2nd Ed. 1996 \$50.00
- Manea, Ion. Editor. **Români în Stiinta și Cultura Occidentala. Enciclopedie**. Davis, 1992. \$35.00
- Butariu, Miron. **O viața de om: Note autobiografice**. Los Angeles, 1991. \$16.00
- Timiras, Nicolae. **Anii tinereții**. Berkeley: 1991. \$12.00
- Arcade, L.M.; Manea, Ion; Stamatescu, Elena. Editors. **Homo Religiosus: To Honor Mircea Eliade**. Hommage à Mircea Eliade. 1990. \$20.00
- Georgescu, Vlad. **Istoria Românilor de la origini pâna în zilele noastre**. Davis, 1984 [1st ed. out-of-print]. 1990 [2nd ed.]. \$25.00
- Quinlan, Paul D. **The United States and Romania. American-Romanian Relations during the Twentieth Century** Woodland Hills, 1988. \$17.00
- Turdeanu, Emil. **Modern Romania: The Achievement of National Unity 1914-1920**. 1988. \$17.00
- Jianu, Ionel; Carp, Gabriela; Covrig, Ana Maria and Scantéy, Lionel. Editors. **Romanian Artists in the West**. Paris: 1987. With 480 illustrations (320 in color) of painters and sculptors living in the Free World. English edition also available. \$35.00
- Manoliu-Manea, Maria. Editor. **The Tragic Plight of a Border Area: Bessarabia and Bucovina**. Humboldt, 1984 [Out-of-print.]
- Bârlea, Octavian. **Romania and the Romanians**. Los Angeles, 1977 \$ 6.00
- Quinlan, Paul D. **Clash Over Romania**. Los Angeles, 1977. \$ 7.00

Journals

- Kristof, Ladis and Balan, Cristian Petru, Editors. **A.R.A. Journal** 21-22 [1996-1997] \$40.00
- Manea, Ion. Editor. **A.R.A. Journal** 12 (1989); 13-14 (1990); 15 (1991); 16-17 (1992); 18 (1993); 19 (1994); 20 (1995). each volume \$20.00
- Corduneanu, Constantin, Editor. **Libertas Mathematica** Vols. I-XVIII, 1981-1998, \$30.00
- Vol. XIX (1999) \$35.00

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