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Nicolae Ciachir - 50 Years of University Career

Margareta PATRICHE

The first meeting with Professor Nicolae Ciachir belongs to my university years and lecture rooms. I saw him again after some years to Târgoviste. Still he was in the middle of the students, speaking with his well-known liveliness and than I thought may be immediate relation was the most important prop of a 50 years today university career.

Nicolae Ciachir was born in 1928, January 1st, to Vaisal, department of Ismail, in the Greater Romania, in a Romanian priests family, well-known for supporting the Romanian national fight in Basarabia. He passes his first life-years in the parental house with a large library. Here Nicolae Ciachir was come near to an ideas and writing words world, which he never left away.

But the terrible years of the Second World War would become with there grave consequences from Romanian. In 1944 the priest Ciachir's family from Vaisal had to assume the refugees status and for a while even the risk to be denounce to the Soviet councilors and to be send back in the occupied Basarabia.

The young Nicolae Ciachir starts his secondary studies in this sombre atmosphere at Dumbraveni, a small Transylvanian town, between Medias and Sighisoara. He graduated at Brasov in 1946. In 1947 the family loads and troubles are increased by the death of his father. Despite all these Nicolae Ciachir became student to the Letters and Philosophy Faculty of, Specialization History and Geography, at the University of Bucharest.

After only three years he succeed to finish his studies. During this time he was supported by his extraordinary working ability, his intellectual mobility and an internal force, which he didn't, lost even today. Nicolae Ciachir succeeded to learn or to consider thoroughly not only the modern languages (French and German), but also the majority of the Slavonic languages (Russian, Ukrainian, Bulgarian, Serbian, Polish, Czech), he wrote and published articles and scientifically studies in the Romanian or foreign reviews and he even supported his family.

In 1949, April 1st, Nicolae Ciachir became preparator to the Modern Universal History Department, as a reward of his hard work and like an acknowledgement of his professional skills. This was only the beginning of
an extraordinary university career: 1950- assistant, 1956- lecturer, 1966-
chief-lecturer, and 1993- professor.

There are some important moments of this career, which we propose
to punctuate here:

• in 1952, November, 1st Nicolae Ciachir was removed from the
History Faculty for political reasons ("unhealthy descent" - because
his father was a Basarabian priest); during the next 3 years he teach
History to the Polytechnic Institute and he had also a half – time to
the "Nicolae Iorga" History Institute;

• in 1955, Nicolae Ciachir returned to the Faculty of History with the
help of Ilie Murgescu, the Minister of Instruction at that time,
because in only 9 months he became trainer for a doctor’s degree
and passed successfully five exams;

• in 1961, when he had only 33 years, Nicolae Ciachir took his
doctor’s degree in History, the name thesis being The Eastern
Problem (1875-1878);

• The long period like chief – lecturer was due only to the personnel
policy during the communist period, whom refused to consider a
dense and productive scientifically activity. During all these years
Nicolae Ciachir published numerous books, articles and studies, he
effected between 1964-1965 a specialization in the former
Yugoslavia, he became member of the Historical Science Society
from Bulgaria, History Society from Albania, he received in 1971
the Bulgarian Order " Metodiu and Chiril ", first class with knight
degree, he received in 1984 the prize " Nicolae Iorga " of the
Romanian Academy for the book named The European Diplomacy
during the Modern Period (with Gheorghe Bercean contribution),
he participated to a lot of international conferences and congresses in
Europe and North – America.

Nicolae Ciachir wrote his works whit tantrums and scientifically
impartiality just because he based on a tenacious researching in the
Romanian and foreign archives, on a careful analysis of the documents and
on a large bibliography. Just like this we can understand why Professor
Nicolae Ciachir works clear up some of the Romanian and Universal
Modern History major problems, especially those so difficult and still
dispute of the Balkans. This is why Nicolae Ciachir is today the most
known and wellestablished Romanian balkanologist.

From 1993 Professor Nicolae Ciachir assumed himself the difficult
part of school founder and he founded at Târgoviste a new and single
specialization from our country, The History of the East and South –
East Europe, at the Faculty of Human Science Faculty from Valahia State
University. From several years he tried to form not only Students
generations but also an young co – works stuff directed to the history and the issues of the East and South – East space.

The efforts made to put in function this historical center from Târgoviste doesn’t stumble Nicolae Ciachir to continue his archive research, to write on and to published on, with a regularity that many contemporary science men admired but not a few envied it.

A sincere and warm "Many Happy Years" is fitting now to the professor, the historian and the man Nicolae Ciachir, when he was turned more than 70 life-years and 50 years of university career.