

110 years of Excellence in Psychiatry

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On 29th May, 1892, the legislative body of Romania and on 26th February 1896 the Government of Romania decided and funded the “Institute for Mentally Alienated Patients” in Iași to be built on the place of the former “Socola” Seminary. On 12th October 1905, Al. Brăescu became the director of the first institution of this type in the country, trying to answer the need of establishing modern psychiatric assistance and, also, to create the proper setting for various scientific programs and to contribute to the development of the psychiatric school in the Faculty of Medicine in Iași.

In the course of years many well known personalities, although confronted by wars and many social vicissitudes, have been in charge with this establishment.

In 1912, Professor C. I. Parhon started the scientific development in “Socola” School, based on an analytical research of the somatic-psychic activity under normal and pathological conditions, which was promoted by The Society of Neurology, Psychiatry, Psychology and Endocrinology founded in 1918. Then, Professor Leon Ballif had a great contribution to the prestige of “Socola” School, as he gave a physiological-pathological perspective to the activity of research and promoted the mental hygiene in Romania. Professor Petre

Brânzei and his disciples created the bio-psycho-social concept considering the psychic process according to the traditional vision of the scientific and humanist orientation of the Romanian Psychology and of the School of Psychiatry at “Socola”, an approach further developed by professors C. Romanescu, T. Pirozynski, Gh. Scripcaru and M. Selaru. The bio-psycho-social concept represented a specific feature of “Socola” School, which has been implemented in the modernization of the psychiatric assistance and of the university medical education, and contributed to the development of postgraduate, doctoral, specialization in psychiatry. The development of the bio-psycho-social concept in ethical dimensions has gained new valences that have been put into light in the conceptual substantiation of the present day psychiatry focused on person.

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Once you have the opportunity to know the tradition and values of “Socola”, you will be impressed by the activities carried out here and by the great personalities who have worked here or have been involved in the medical and research life of the institution. It is a place with many and diversified activities, where there is freedom of thinking and due respect to the predecessors who made the Clinic of Psychiatry at Socola well known in the country and abroad. That is one of reasons which has given me the conviction, that

the work of the manager of a hospital like Socola is more than an activity of organization, assuming to be my duty to initiate a new perspective according to my aspirations, also, in agreement with those who worked here and with those who are still members of our staff. In the same context, I should like to mention, that in 26 November 2014 the *Socola Institute of Psychiatry Iasi* was created by Governmental Decree number 1058.

We wish it a long and successful life.

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