

## FOREWORD

The 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Conference of the Romanian Society of Hadrontherapy (RSH), February 21–24, 2013, Predeal, Romania, was the First International Conference organized by the RSH; the title of the meeting was imposed from an administrative point of view by the current regulations of the Romanian Physician's College.

This international conference was the fourth meeting of the Romanian Society for Hadrontherapy, held with international participation; its main goal was to inform the Romanian scientific teams about the complex domain of hadrontherapy.

During these years, the Romanian Society for Hadrontherapy continuously organized meetings between foreign specialists and the interested Romanian scientists; the number of native participants constantly grew.

As a result of this, during the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Conference of the Romanian Society of Hadrontherapy a significant number of papers signed by Romanian physicians and physicists were presented.

Every year, in the Romanian Society for Hadrontherapy meetings the statistics reported national or international participations through articles or posters signed by different collectives of the countries with functional hadrontherapy centers used in the treatment of malign tumors.

These centers are based in Switzerland, France, Italy, Russia, Japan, Sweden, England or in specialized interdisciplinary nuclear research centers such as CERN, JINR-Dubna, ITEP. Also, in the last meetings, research teams from countries that do not have functional or research hadrontherapy facilities such as Iran, have presented theoretical papers related to this field.

The 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Conference of the Romanian Society of Hadrontherapy's goal was implementation of this radiotherapeutical treatment modality in Romania. Now the hadrontherapy has been included as an objective on the Romanian National Scientific Plan for Research and Development. The national and international mass-media reflected the interests of the small but consistent community formed by Romanian physicians, engineers and physicists united by the common interest in this treatment field.

Organisations such as the "Horia Hulubei" National Institute of Physics and Nuclear Engineering through its director Prof. Nicolae Victor Zamfir, PhD, corresponding member of the Romanian Academy, or the "Carol Davila" University of Medicine and Pharmacy through its Rector, Acad. Prof. Ioanel Sinescu, MD, PhD, have included the hadrontherapy in their research and development plan supporting through this the research in the field of hadrontherapy in Romania but also in adjacent fields.

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