

**Professor Doctor Emil Corlan,**

Romanian Pneumology has to face another unfortunate event shortly after the loss of prof. dr. Cristian Didilescu; the passing away of the remarkable Professor Dr. Emil Corlan.

Born on August 25, 1939 he attended medical school in Bucharest at “Carol Davila” University of Medicine and Pharmacy, graduating as one of the best students of his class.

Having an exceptional analytical personality and enviable intellectual capacities, Professor Corlan was acknowledged in all the stages of his chosen profession that he represented so successfully.

After graduation, he became a medical doctor in a village in the County of Arges (Vedea area) and after 2 years, he entered the field of respiratory medicine as a trainee doctor at TB Topoloveni Dispensary. It seems that this step was essential in the development of his exceptional career. It so happened that both of us went to that health facility around the same time. That is how I managed to know the special personality of Professor Corlan.

There are a few epithets that could characterise Professor Corlan’s personality: exuberant intelligence, perseverance, scrupulousness, inventiveness, enviable memory and the ability to work without reservation.

All of these qualities have contributed to building a unique personality, able to create a system of values necessary for the development of Pneumology.

Fully dedicated to the fight against tuberculosis, Professor Corlan was one of the main pillars of the Strictly Supervised Treatment Program (SST) that was, in some ways, the basis for the direct precursor of the Directly Observed Treatment (DOT).

Passionate about statistical analysis, Professor Corlan was among the first specialists in Europe to use a computer, since the 60s.

He would not accept compromises when it came to managing staff selection, thus he was able to create a top team around him, as head of department.

He was respected and admired by his collaborators, being the element of reference when it came to professional integrity.

The departure of Professor Dr. Emil Corlan, member of the Academy of Medical Sciences, after a long illness, is an irretrievable loss to Romanian pneumology.

Let us preserve and respect the memory of this unique personality and honour his transition into the world of the righteous.

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