



MESSAGE OF THE ROMANIAN ACADEMY TO THE TATARSTAN ACADEMY OF SCIENCES

*Dear Members of the Tatarstan Academy of Sciences,
Dear colleagues,
Ladies and gentlemen,*

On behalf of all the members of the Romanian Academy and of myself, I wish to congratulate you for the 25th anniversary of your esteemed Academy and send you our best thoughts for your future accomplishments in research and education.

Kazan has always been a renowned cultural and scientific center and the establishment of your Academy was nothing else but a natural result of tens of years of research in sciences, as well as in humanities.

Nowadays you are keeping pace with latest developments and it is easy to observe that you are a modern institution, basing its activity on latest innovations in research, education and organizing means as well.

I would like to express my satisfaction and gratitude for being part of your celebration of your 25th anniversary, here at the Tatarstan Academy of Sciences.

Then I have to mention that the Romanian Academy is celebrating this year 150 years since its foundation. Our two academies were founded under completely different conditions and in different periods of time, but both of them are the outcome of a longstanding tradition in scholarly activities and research. The foundation document of the Romanian Academy was signed in April 1866, but it was only the successful result of many years of work and preoccupation regarding our origin, our language and our history.

Our Academy had from the very beginning the mission of establishing the orthographical rules of the Romanian language, making up the dictionary of the Romanian language and writing the history of the Romanians.

At the moment of its foundation, the Romanian Academy was the fundamental link for the Romanians in all the provinces inhabited by Romanians. Immediately after its foundation, King Carol I became the protector of the Academy and he offered a great support in its activity.

In time, the preoccupations of the Romanian Academy became larger and larger, so that all the sciences, including humanities and social-economic sciences, are now object of activity. The fate of the Academy closely followed the fate of the whole country and people, with glorious periods and hard ones as well.

Nowadays, the Academy is a representative and fundamental institution in Romania. It fulfills several missions, such as:

- 1. Forum of consecration, as a learnt society : The Academy has 181 members (corresponding and full members), and 135 honorary members from Romania and from abroad.*
- 2. Main system for carrying out fundamental research : 70 research institutes from all the fields of activity.*
- 3. Advisory mission : it carries out researches necessary to the development and good functioning of the Romanian society, thus being an important councillor to the policy makers and governing bodies of Romania.*
- 4. Educational forum : it has organized the doctoral school of the Romanian Academy in all the domains of science and humanities and awards Ph.D. titles, together with the Romanian Ministry of Education.*
- 5. Active collaboration in international activities : the Romanian Academy is member of 28 international and professional organizations, it has 43 bilateral agreements on scientific collaboration and is member of the most important academic organizations: ALLEA – European Federation of European Academies, EASAC – European Academies Science Advisory Council and IAP – InterAcademic Panel.*

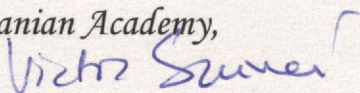
The whole scientific activity is led by 14 scientific sections, each for an important domain of science. The Academy has three branches: in Iași, in Cluj-Napoca and in Timișoara. It also has research institutes in Sibiu and Craiova. The Library of the Romanian Academy is a very large one, with over 11 million items; the Publishing House of the Romanian Academy is the main editor of our books and reviews.

The members of the Romanian Academy have a great consideration for the scientific achievements of the scholars which work in the Tatarstan Academy of Sciences and we hope to deepen and to diversify the contact between our scientific institutes of research in the next years.

I take the opportunity to send you once again our wishes of full success in your entire activity!

Vice-President of the Romanian Academy,

Academician Victor Spinei



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