

HABILITATION THESIS

HISTORY AND METHODOLOGY RESEARCH

ABSTRACT

This paper presents our main scientific and professional achievements since obtaining the PhD in the field of History, as well as the most important future orientations and career development plans.

Our scientific and methodical achievements were divided into four major parts. The first direction was dedicated to our research on the development of interwar Romanian oil industry, an important part in the history of the national economy. In this respect, we have published numerous studies and articles in scientific journals, and we participated in several international conferences both at home and abroad. As the project manager of a funding contract obtained through national competition, organized by the National Council of University Scientific Research (CNCSIS), within the National Research Plan, type Mobility of Researchers (Contract funding PN-II- RU-MC-2007-1, registration code CNCSIS-64/2007), we participated in an International Conference in Sofia. Other noteworthy achievements were our participation in the 7th Edition of the Bilateral Commission of Historians from Romania and Russian Federation, organized at Petroleum-Gas University of Ploiești (10 - 17 November 2002), in the events organized by *La Conférence Internationale des Formations d'Ingénieurs et de Techniciens d'Expesion Française* (CITEF), in Ploiești (2008), Senegal (2008) and Burkina Faso (2012), in the Colloquia on the History of Oil, organized by University Paris 1 and the Council of National University Research (CNRS) from France, in Paris in 2006 and 2010, whose works were published at the prestigious publishing P.I.E. Peter Lang (Brussels Bonn- Berlin -Frankfurt am Main, New Iork- Oxford Wien). Other papers related to the history of the oil industry were published in Poland (2016) and Chișinău (2017).

The second direction comprises works dedicated to the history of the Romanian public administration. We have been constantly interested in analyzing the evolution of this important segment of the national history in the modern and contemporary ages, as revealed in papers such as *Romanian Public Administration in the 19th and 20th Centuries. Important Laws and Reforms*, Volume I, *From the Reforms of Alexandru Ioan Cuza to the Great Union (1864 - 1925)*, Bucharest University Press, 2009, *The Administrative Unification of the Unified Romania (1918-1925): Integrating Bessarabia, Bukovina and Transylvania in the Structures of the Romanian Administration*, Mega Publishing House, Cluj-Napoca, 2016 and other numerous studies and articles published in journals or presented within various international conferences. We mention in this respect the paper published in *Transylvanian Review of Adminstrative Sciences* of Babeș-Bolyai University in Cluj, ISI indexed journal.

The third strand of our researvoted to historical studies materialized in the publication of several works devoted primarily to the Romanian history: *The History of the Romanians* (University Press of Ploiești, 2005), and to the international recognition of the Great Union of 1918: *Romania in the International Relations within The Peace Conference in Paris-Versailles, 1919-1920: The International Recognition of the Great Union*, Mega Publishing, Cluj Napoca, 2013. We have also elaborated several monographs on the life and activity of local and national history personalities: *Professor and Senator Aurelian Moșoiu: A*

Personality of Prahova County (coauthor), Printeuro Publishing House, Ploiești, 2003, *General Traian Moșoiu in His Contemporary Age and Posterity*, Petroleum-Gas University of Ploiești, 2006. The issue of the national history was nuanced and further detailed in numerous works presented at several international conferences, as the ones held in Bretagne South University, Lorient-France, (where I was invited as a visiting professor in 2006), in Spain, in Pamukalle and Istanbul Universities from Turkey, in Krakow and Chișinău. Other papers were presented at scientific events organized in the country or published in various magazines and volumes (some of them ISI indexed, i.e. *Transylvanian Review*, Cluj, 2015).

The last direction of our research includes works on methodology, teaching and learning strategies. We elaborated a study on the methodology of History teaching (coauthor), entitled *Moments from the Romanian History and Aspects of History Teaching Methodology*, published at the University of Ploiești Press in three editions revised and updated (the first two were published in 2007 and 2009, the latest in 2014), as well as numerous articles and studies printed in relevant publications in the field. One is to mention that some of our studies were presented within international conferences and indexed *ISI Web of Knowledge*. It is also worth mentioning our participation as a member in the Teaching Project *Training Teachers in Science and Technology Areas through a Master Programme Adequate to Knowledge Society*, financed by the European Social Fund POS-DRU, identified with no. POSDRU 19 / 3.1 / G / 14373, coordinated by the Department of Educational Sciences in our university, and the fact that we made an important contribution to the international interdisciplinary education of our students, by means of several international projects carried out between 2009 and 2012.

Regarding further plans of career evolution and development, these will continue and enlarge our present research field, addressing both prior directions and new ones, the participation in international conferences (in 2017 we are to attend three such scientific events), the constant preoccupation to publish new works, studies and articles in ISI indexed journals or in CNCSIS highly quoted ones, the involvement in research projects, as well as the permanent improvement of our methodological and didactic practice. We will also consider future publication of the most representative works at relevant publishers abroad. As a potential member of a Doctoral School, we will support the programme(s) of that school, whereas promoting our own research projects.

The present paper concludes with the Bibliography specific to such a scientific work and related to the presentation.