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ACADEMICIAN PETRE JITARIU, THE MAN AND THE SCIENTIST. Born on May 11, 1905, Petre Jitariu has been – for almost 60 years – one of the most prominent personalities of the Faculty of Biology at the “Alexandru I. Cuza” University of Iași, as a professor of animal physiology (since 1947), chief of department and dean (1954–1967); also, he has been the founder of the “Stejarul” Station of Biological–Geological–Geographical Researches of Neamț (in 1956) and director of the Institute of Biological Researches – Iași (1965–1977).

His extremely rich and valuable scientific activity, developed in the field of animal physiology, has been rewarded, in 1963, when he was elected corresponding member of the Romanian Academy (and full member in 1974). Within the same prestigious institution, he acted as Secretary (1963–1974) and then President (1974–1989) of the Iași Branch of the Academy.

In the Romanian biology, Petre Jitariu remains the creator of a scientific school, the initiator of new, modern directions of research in the field of comparative physiology, significant results being recorded by him in both biomagnetism and physiology of cellular membranes..

Up to the very moment of his passing away (June 30, 1989), academician Petre Jitariu acted as an active and brilliant teacher, an unanimously appreciated scientist, organizer and undisputed chief of research teams, equally respected and loved by all those surrounding him: students, colleagues and collaborators.