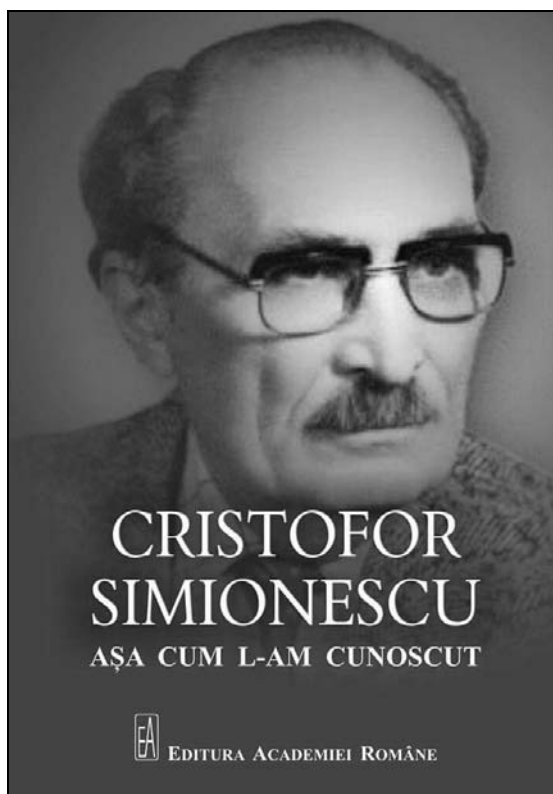


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**CRISTOFOR SIMIONESCU.
THE WAY WE REMEMBER HIM**

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In the summer of 2017, on the commemoration of the 10th year since the passing away of acad. Cristofor I. Simionescu, Bogdana Simionescu, his beloved grand-daughter (discretely supported by acad. Bogdan C. Simionescu – the second

in the raw: son and father), issued a synthetic volume dedicated to the memory of the great scientist, entitled: *Cristofor Simionescu. Așa cum l-am cunoscut/ Cristofor Simionescu. The way we remember him* (Publishing House of the Romanian Academy, 2017, București, ISBN 978-973-27-2837-6, 125 pages).

A first explanation for the (too) few number of pages of the volume – compared to the huge personality to whom it is dedicated – is provided in the most touching *Foreword*, signed “at two hands”: most of the people Cristofor I. Simionescu used to know, to whom he had been a fellow labourer along more than 50 years – both Romanian and foreign friends –, were older or much older than him; as known, Cristofor Simionescu bursts upon the scientific stage at quite a young age, being viewed as a unique, most promising personality, indeed.

On the other side, it was probably the modesty and moderation of his after comers that may explain the reduced size of the volume here under review.

Anyway, probably the most worth mentioning observation to be made for characterizing the volume, is the sheer sincerity and authentic admiration, esteem and love of all those who wrote about Cristofor Simionescu, people who have really appreciated and turned into good account the rare chance life had offered to them: that of knowing him, of breathing the same air with him, of working in the shade of such a visionary scientist.

Another peculiar – and, once again, touching – aspect refers to the contributors to this volume: great personalities (J.P. Kennedy, Virgil Percec, Michael L. Klein, etc.), reputed academicians (Viorel Barbu, Eugen Simion, Cristian Hera, Răzvan Theodorescu, Constantin Corduneanu, Dumitru Radu Popescu, Marius Peculea, Victor Spinei, Tudor Dima, Carol Stanciu, Constantin Toma and others), alongwith numerous personalities from the cultural and academic media. Also contributing are former day-by-day co-workers, all of them visibly animated by a profound, everlasting reverence for the man who, for many of them and in too many of the cases, signed their lives: the dear departed Cristofor I. Simionescu.

All in all, the volume brings into our living memory the irradiative image of Cristofor Simionescu, making him be still present, dynamic and charming as always, among his followers, opening new perspectives on his exemplary life and unique achievements.