

ACAD. ION TH. SIMIONESCU

On May 12, 2023, a symposium devoted to the reputed huge scientific personality of Ion Th. Simionescu was organized in Iași by the Faculty of Geography of the “Al. I. Cuza” University of Iași and the Center of Geographical Studies of the Iași Branch of the Romanian Academy, occasioned by the 150th anniversary of his birth.

The studies delivered by participants embraced the numerous facets of the rich activity of Ion Simionescu, starting with the main fields of his scientific concerns: Geonomic Sciences (Geology and Geography), Paleontology, Stratigraphy, Life Sciences (Biology) to which, during his long career, he brought most valuable and original contributions in the numerous treatises and monographs elaborated by him.

Other contributions evidenced the most prestigious high positions held by Ion Simionescu along his active life, such as: Head of department, Rector, Ministry of Public Instruction, Ministry of National Education, member of the Romanian Parliament, President of the Romanian Academy.

Special mention has been made, in several papers, of the constant efforts made by Ion Simionescu – as founding member of the “Vasile Adamachi” Scientific Journal and close collaborator of the “Cartea Românească” Publishing House – in the activity of science popularization addressed to common people: more than 100 works issued in accessible newspapers and magazines, several conferences and radio broadcasts.

Paying homage to the personality of Ion Simionescu, entitledly defined as “scholar and teacher of the nation”, remains a duty of honour for his disciples of today and a worthy example to be followed.



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