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MRS. PROF. UNIV. DR. OCTAVIA BOGDAN AT 80 YEARS

A great academic personality in the field of Romanian Geography, Mrs. Prof. Univ. Dr. Octavia Bogdan, has reached the beautiful age of 80 in 2016. On the occasion of this happy event, outstanding representatives of the geographical community Romania sent to the celebrations the most beautiful thoughts of appreciation and admiration for all her achievements in several fields of geographic science. The front lines also represent a respectful homage to the activity of distinguished lady prof. Dr. Octavia Bogdan.

It is difficult that, in an obviously limited typographic space, all the achievements of Mrs. Prof. Univ. Dr. Octavia Bogdan during her prodigious scientific and teaching career. The scientific research activity, carried out within the Institute of Geography from the Romanian Academy, has been marked by many original contributions that we find in various fields of Geography: Geomorphology, Regional Geography, Geography of Tourism, History of Geography, etc. However, at the top of this long list we find Meteorology and Climatology. In this context, we must note the major contributions made by Mrs. Prof. Univ. Dr. Octavia Bogdan in several directions of these two disciplines, some with a pronounced theoretical character, and others with a strong applicative destination. In particular, it is very important to note that, in Romania, Mrs. Prof. Univ. Dr. Octavia Bogdan has been a road opener in a field that has become more important than ever before, the one of **meteorological and climatic hazards and risks**. Her works in this direction are more than important, anticipating what today is an area of greatest interest not only for the scientists but also for the representatives, up to the highest level, of the state administrations from the majority countries of the world. Among the reference titles in this field can be mentioned: *Winter and summer climate phenomena* (1974), *Climatic risks in Romania* (1999, in collaboration), *climate risk maps in Romania included in the atlases made in collaboration with Transelectrica* (2002, 2005), *Climatic hazards in the temperate zone* (2007, in collaboration), *Southern Carpathians. Climate, weather-climate hazards and their impact on tourism* (2008, in collaboration), *The impact of weather-climatic phenomena on tourism* (2012).

The prodigious scientific research activity of Mrs. Prof. Univ. Dr. Octavia Bogdan has concretized through an impressive number of works that saw the light of print and represent, for younger researchers and academics, true landmarks and sources of inspiration. From the synthesis works, for example, *Methodological Basis of Meteorology* (2006, in collaboration), *Theoretical Basics of Meteorology*

(2009), *General Climatology* (2013, in collaboration), *Theoretical Basis of Climatology* (2016). As a daughter of the Bărağan Plain, Mrs. Prof. Univ. Dr. Octavia Bogdan has long loved her native land, which she has devoted to several scientific papers, the most representative of which is *The Climatic Potential of Bărağan* (1980), which is the published form of her doctoral thesis, which was published in 1976.

A remarkable addition must be made for the rich collection of atlases and climate maps, to which the contribution of Mrs. prof. Dr. Octavia Bogdan was extremely important. At the same time, she participated in the performance of a remarkable number of research contracts and grants, in most of them having the role of coordinator. In the same context of the scientific research activity, the role of Mrs. Prof. Univ. Dr. Octavia Bogdan as Ph.D. coordinator, leading a remarkable number of Meteorology and Climatology researchers, as well as of university and pre-university professors, some of them with important positions in the units in which they carry out their activity, to obtain the title of Doctor in Geography.

Mrs. Prof. Univ. Dr. Octavia Bogdan also performed an important teaching activity in higher education, especially at the Faculty of Geography of Tourism in Sibiu, a faculty belonging to the Christian University "Dimitrie Cantemir" in Bucharest. Here she taught a large number of courses such as: Meteorology and Climatology, Natural and Technological Risks, Climate Risks in Romania, Tourism Climatology, Monitoring and Management of Natural and Anthropogenic Risks, etc.

Throughout her remarkable scientific and teaching careers, Mrs. Prof. Univ. Dr. Octavia Bogdan has participated in many internal and international scientific meetings, and the merits of her scientific excellence have been rewarded with numerous awards, diplomas and medals.

We cannot end these lines of choice without recalling the remarkable preoccupations of Mrs. Prof. Univ. Dr. Octavia Bogdan in the field of poetry, concerns concretized through lyrics expressing great soul sensitivity and profound love for the country to which she belongs and for its inhabitants.

We wish Mrs. Prof. Univ. Dr. Octavia Bogdan a good health and a great deal of work force to successfully carry out all the projects she has in mind, to the benefit of Romanian Geography and its servants!

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