

EDITORIAL

The 6th Edition of Carol Davila University Central Emergency Military Hospital Scientific Days

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Prestigious and distinguished guests from home and abroad
On behalf of the Organizing Committee of the 6th Edition of the Carol Davila University Central Emergency Military Hospital Scientific Days, with the theme "185 Years of Excellence in Military Medicine," I have the great pleasure and honor to welcome you all at this scientific event which managed to enroll on the map – not so large – including manifestations that have specialized audience.

As an organizer, I can only be honored by the fact that the need for support and development of military medicine was identified as a theme in the goals and concerns of the decision structures, the event being under the patronage of the Minister of National Defence. We also have partners from the civil society, recognized – both in the country and abroad – for their work in the academic field, in the field of medical innovation, namely Carol Davila University of Medicine and Pharmacy and Titu Maiorescu University.

The anniversary, on September 13th, of 185 years since the decree for the set up of the Central Military Hospital was issued, by Alexandru Ghica, ought to be shared today with the whole modern Romanian society, mentioning all its implications – tradition, vision, determination, professionalism and academic excellence.

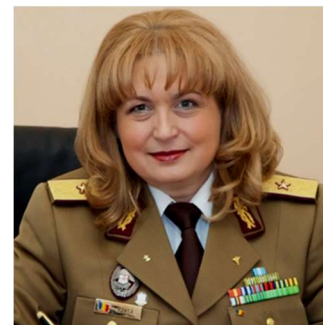
Central Military Hospital was born with a predetermined destiny, that of being a landmark of Romanian society, a melting pot that mixes souls and crystallizes the purest form of science, loaded on a chosen structure, an alert and firm spirit, respecting the historical values of the Hippocratic Oath and especially the oath for the country.

During its 185 years of existence, the Central Military Hospital has gone through many difficult times, that is why I need to point out a few of these moments, because only by

understanding the past you value more the present and the future and only by respecting your forebears, you have the power to face the unknown times that will come.

We must not forget, not even for a single moment, that in our present professional experience, lies the memory of all those who have come with their lives, during the 185 years of existence of the Central Military Hospital, those who, on the battlefield of the two World Wars, served or were sacrificed, trying to save the lives of their comrades; those who have struggled with their limits to face the victims of the earthquake that shook Bucharest in March 1977; those who treated the young soldiers, victims of the works of construction of Transfăgărășan, Danube-Black Sea Canal; those who provided care in operation theaters, in the Euro-Atlantic partnerships that Romania has committed with military forces to preserve peace and, more recently, those who have gone through the human and professional challenge, following the tragic fire from Club Colectiv.

During 185 years, we have been beside the Romanian army, in the service of the country and of the population, we did our best in doing our duty with: modesty, professionalism and team spirit. We did not pose as mentors, although here, in this area of health, the foundations of medicine, pharmacy and medical education in Romania were laid. Medical and surgical specialties such as: thoracic surgery, urology, epidemiology, which are considered today to be common



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medical specialties, were born here. These should be considered gifts from our ancestors, military doctors.

If we appeal to history, we should evoke an overwhelming number of personalities, founders of Romanian culture and science, as well as those great men who thought and achieved, with other visionaries, the independence and state organization of modern Romania. It is not easy to resist to the temptation to evoke exhaustively these big names in an anniversary moment, to propose a speech focused on certain fundamental benchmarks: the legacy of the historical past, the critical analysis of the present, the identification of future trends.

Between historical tradition and heritage and the innovations of the modern space, apparently, the Central Military Hospital was meant to reshape and transform itself each time, not as a citadel, but as an open door to knowledge, to the generations of tomorrow, which contrary to all pessimistic opinion trends, will continue to have double qualification – physicians and militaries.

With a background of 185 years, the Carol Davila University Central Emergency Military Hospital returns in force, as an important player on the market of medical services in Romania and elsewhere, proving that, to the three qualities that have pierced the veil of history – TRADITION, TRUST, PROFESSIONALISM – the key to success, to ensure the development of this type of institution, lies in flexibility, predictability and responsiveness to the emergence of a crisis or disaster.

Both as a doctor, and especially as the manager of the Carol Davila University Central Emergency Military Hospital I understand that the expectations of the whole society, from military medicine, are very high, whether we speak of peace or war. People expect us to be an excellent regional hospital, to ensure safe and high standards, an excellent medical act comparable to that granted by a specialty hospital from abroad, while in wartime, to become an elite military

medical facility, ROL 4, able to provide medical care to the standards required by our NATO allies. I believe that, with you, dear colleagues, under the patronage of the Ministry of Defence, these goals are on track to be achieved!

The Scientific Days of the Carol Davila University Central Emergency Military Hospital is, as usual, a unique opportunity for physicians of various specialties, academics and university leaders, opinion leaders from the pharmaceutical industry and health systems, to discuss the prospects and challenges of the medical world in the new context of the dynamics of the security environment.

The way of gathering in workshops and conferences, of specialists in emergency medicine and disaster, highly specialized surgeons (robotics, neurosurgery, orthopedics, ophthalmology, oro-maxillo-facial surgery, dermatology-oncology, etc.), practitioners in the field of internal diseases and infectious diseases, clinicians specialized in imaging, functional exploration and laboratory, provides the pillars of strength of the platform for dialogue, exchange of information and "codes of good practice" needed in the perfection process of professionalization of the medical act provided to the patient at high quality standards and technological performance and know-how.

At the same time, by involving the student community at sessions of the work of the sixth edition of the Conference Days of the Central Military University Emergency Hospital "Dr. Carol Davila", we want the conference to become a landmark for future generations, with particular significance for their social, professional and cultural identity.

My dear colleagues, regardless of your age and grade, you and your professional success represent the strongest argument in demonstrating the truth that Romania has a future!

Have confidence in your forces, in your profession and do not forget the teachers who have trained you for knowledge and for life through science and education!

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