

Victor Ghetul – to the 90th anniversary 22.12.1928 – 24.02.2018

Professor Victor Ghetul was one of the representatives of the second graduation of the State Medical Institute in Chisinau (today *Nicolae Testemitanu* State University of Medicine and Pharmacy of the Republic of Moldova). He was one of the distinguished personalities of the native medicine who, through diligent work, contributed to the founding and consolidation of the Institute, to the creation of the pedagogical staff for the Faculty of Pediatrics and the local pediatric service, to the establishment and development of the national health system.

Professor Victor Ghetul was born on December 22, 1928 in Cluj Napoca, Romania. During 1946-1952 he studied at the Faculty of General Medicine, State Medical Institute in Chisinau, attending the courses of the most prominent teachers of that time. Subsequently, he successfully graduated from the Institute of Pediatrics of the Academy of Medical Sciences in Moscow. His valuable scientific activity was reflected in two theses: Doctor of Medical Sciences (1963) and Philosophy Doctor of Medical Sciences (1981), estimated with an "Excellent" qualification, both of them involving important topics in pediatric pneumology.

In 1986, Professor Victor Ghetul founded the Department of Pediatrics No 2, which he led with competency and authority until retirement (1997), continuing though acting as a professor of the same faculty until February 2018.

The great human Victor Ghetul was a remarkable personality, dignified, honest, and wise. The pediatrician Victor Ghetul inspired in his patients trust and love, finding for each one a suitable word, which would give them optimism. A highly skilled diagnostician, a specialist with a unique clinical intuition, an excellent thinker of pediatric science and practice, with a special sense in the development of personalized therapeutic tactics and prevention of complications, severe morbid evolutions, Professor Victor Ghetul succeeded through his prodigious activity to make a renowned name in the pediatricians society of the country.

An integral personality, endowed with a deep civic sentiment, aware of the future of medicine in the republic, Professor Ghetul has prepared a plenty of disciples who work with the same dedication. His special tact imposed respect, excluded negative attitudes, creating around him a climate of understanding, without conflicting situations, a benevolent atmosphere that allowed every member of the team to be professionally accomplished as a doctor, teacher and researcher.



The staff of the Department, under the leadership of Professor Victor Ghetul, formed the foundation and the core of a major local scientific school – the Pediatric Pneumology School.

Professor Victor Ghetul was a talented teacher – students of many generations listened to his lectures with satisfaction; he educated through his bright nobility, many disciples, greatly contributed to the training of young pediatricians, who, teaching nowadays in various departments in the country and abroad, keep a vivid and beautiful memory about him.

He was a scientist with a reputation in the field, who left a lot of scientific papers of genuine value, published in the country and abroad. Under the leadership of Pro-

fessor Victor Ghetul, four doctoral theses and one philosophy doctoral thesis in medical sciences were confirmed.

The illustrious pediatrician, Victor Ghetul, was an expert in the profession, he held the position of main pediatrician and the main pediatric pneumologist of the Ministry of Health in the country, but he also had an international experience as a counselor and expert of World Health Organization in service of mother's and child protection in Laos and Vietnam.

Throughout his activity, Professor Victor Ghetul has manifested his developed sense of duty, his love to work and enthusiasm; he followed his professional path, which has become the essence and meaning of his life. He was an innate intelligent, with the real sense of being good and carefull to the others' pains and needs. These qualities have earned him the honorary title of *Homo Emeritus*, made him very esteemed in all the positions which he held.

Professor Victor Ghetul – a bright personality, an experienced clinician, dedicated pediatrician and scientist, as well as Human of Humanity, with much dignity and education, personality with an original intelligence – thereby he became appreciated by us, those who met him, so it remains in our memory as a flame, which throbs and generates the kindness of soul, a fire of desire to know, which still burns.

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