

CURRICULUM VITAE

I am born in Bucharest (Romania) on August 29, 1940. After finishing the “Gh. Sincai” secondary school (in Bucharest), I graduated in mathematics at the University of Bucharest (in 1962).

Between 1962 and 1964 I taught mathematics at a secondary school in Bucharest, and since 1964 I am scientific researcher (at present, honorary senior researcher) at the Institute of Mathematics of the Romanian Academy (IMAR) in Bucharest. Between 1968 and 1975 I was also the scientific secretary of IMAR, and between 1973 and 1975 I was – additionally – the scientific secretary of the Central Institute of Mathematics of Romania. Between 1975 and 1990 I was senior researcher at the Central Institute of Physics – Magurele, and between 1991 and 1993 I taught (in English – in the frame of TEMPUS Program) geometry at the Faculty of Mathematics of the University of Bucharest.

In 1971 I obtained the Ph.D. in Mathematics at IMAR with the Thesis entitled “Riemann spaces associated with some real Jordan algebras”.

I have studied – mainly – the properties of Riemannian spaces, making use of their algebraic descriptions (in terms of Jordan structures, especially). I published more than 40 papers (only 8 of them coauthored) and six books. My book [2] is mentioned in almost all books and important survey papers published after 1980, as well as in Encyclopaedia of Mathematical Sciences (Springer, 1995) at the pages 243 and 277. My book [5] – exhausted in two years – has very good reviews in Zentralblatt für Mathematik and Mathematical Reviews (see Zbl 107317014 and MR 1979748), and – concerning the applications to physics – it is more comprehensive than books published afterwards (in 2004 and 2005) written by famous mathematicians (K. McCrimmon and Y. Friedman), as leading experts in the field (W. Bertram and H. Upmeyer) remarked in their reviews on those books.

I have presented my personal results in (alphabetical order of cities): Ancona (Italy – 2005), Barcelona (Spain – 1998), Berlin East (1971), Bratislava (Czechoslovakia – 1969), Brno (Czechoslovakia – 1969), Budapest (Hungary – 1996) Cagliari (Italy – 1972, 1991 (two conferences)), Chisinau (Moldova Republic – 1993), Coruña (Spain – 1997), Dortmund (Germany – 2007), Firenze (Italy – 2005), Genova (Italy – 1994), Granada (Spain – 1991), Hagen (Germany – 1990), Istanbul (Turkey – 2009), Kaohsiung (Taiwan – 2006), Lecce (Italy – 2005), Leipzig (East Germany – 1971), Leuven (Belgium – 1993 (two conferences), 1998), Logroño (Spain – 2001), London (U.K. – 2001), Malaga (Spain – 1991, I was the first Romanian mathematician giving a conference at Malaga University), Marburg (Germany – 2007), Moskva (Soviet Union – 1966), München (Germany – 1995), Novosibirsk (Soviet Union – 1991), Oberwolfach (Germany – 1970, 1992), Olomouc (Czech Republic – 2007), Palermo (Italy – 2005 (two conferences)), Plovdiv (Bulgaria – 2006), Roma (Italy – 1991 (two conferences), 1994), Santiago de Compostela (Spain – 1997, 1999), Sofia (Bulgaria – 1963), Thessaloniki (Greece – 1992), Tjärnö (Sweden – 2010), Torino

(Italy – 1972, 1991), Tübingen (Germany – 1990), Varna (Bulgaria – 1967), Xanthi (Greece – 1992), Zaragoza (Spain – 1991), as well as in many university cities of Romania.

I have obtained the following grants: one year CNR grant (Rome – Italy, 1971-1972), one year Alexander von Humboldt grant (Germany, for 1975-1976, but the Romanian authorities of that time have prevented me from this grant and only 15 years later – in 1990 – the new Romanian authorities have permitted me to benefit of a four-months exceptional grant in Hagen offered me by Alexander von Humboldt Foundation instead of the above mentioned grant, because – in the meantime – I grew too old to be a regular Humboldt scholar), EEC three months grants (Leuven – Belgium & Genova – Italy, 1993-1994), two years Spanish-Romanian grant (Santiago de Compostela, 1999-2000), three years MEC-ANSTI-CNCSIS grant (2001-2003), three years CNCSIS grant (2006-2008), and now another three years CNCSIS grant (2009 – 2011).

I was the main organizer of two series of international mathematical meetings: nine WORKSHOPS on differential geometry and its applications (Bucharest (1993), Constantza (1995), Sibiu (1997), Brasov (1999), Timisoara (2001), Cluj-Napoca (2003), Deva (2005), Cluj-Napoca (2007), Iasi (2009)), and four German-Romanian SEMINARS on geometry (Sibiu (1997), Dortmund (2000), Cluj-Napoca (2003), Dortmund (2007)). These meetings were very useful for young Romanian geometers, offering them the possibility to meet important personalities over the world which attended these conferences as main invited speakers. More than 30 young Romanian geometers obtained summer schools, master, Ph.D. or postdoc grants in France, Germany, Italy, Spain, Switzerland, USA, and three important research agreements between Romanian and foreign universities were signed. The first four WORKSHOPS have contributed to the very good evaluation of IMAR (with the overall score 45/50) in the competition organized by European Commission – General Directorate for Research – in the frame of the Programme “Confirming of the International Role of Community Research” (Support for Centers of Excellence). Thus, in 2000, IMAR became Center of Excellence of European Union for the period March 2001 – February 2004.

Based on my talks given in the 1990s at the University "Ovidius" of Constantza and on my book [3], Eduard ASADURIAN (from the Univ. of Pitesti) developed in his Ph.D. Thesis (IMAR, January, 2001) a study of structure and representations of Jordan algebras (supervisor Prof. Mirela STEFANESCU). Then a book with this topic appeared (coauthored by ASADURIAN and STEFANESCU). In fact, after the second of the above mentioned WORKSHOPS (Constantza, 1995) the "Ovidius" University developed (and is still developing) a strong mathematical cooperation with IMAR (there are courses in Constantza given by members of IMAR, as well as part-time positions of them at "Ovidius" Univ.).

Now, I am organizing – together with some of my colleagues – the 10th International WORKSHOP on differential geometry and its applications (Constanta, August 26-30, 2011).

In 1998, I have initiated the Romanian-Belgian research agreement “New topics in differential geometry”, and I was the Romanian responsible person for the period 1998-2004.

I was member in more than 30 Ph.D. Mathematics Commissions.

I am member of the Society of Romanian Mathematicians and of the American Mathematical Society, as well as one of the founders of the Balkan Society of Geometers. Since 1989 a short my biography is reported in “Who's who in the World” and since 1990 also in “Men of achievement”. I am member of the Alexander von Humboldt Club – Bucharest since its foundation. I am also member of the “Acad. Prof. Gh. VRANCEANU” Foundation – Bucharest.

LIST OF BOOKS AND PAPERS

I. Books

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2. Jordan algebras with applications (Mimeographed), 170 pp., INCREST, Bucharest, 1979, ISSN 0250 3638.
3. Jordan structures with applications (Mimeographed), 495 pp., Institute of Mathematics, Bucharest, 1990, ISSN 0250 3638.
4. Jordan structures in geometry and physics, 181 pp., Quaderno dell'Universita “La Sapienza” di Roma, May, 2000.
5. Jordan structures in geometry and physics with an Appendix on Jordan structures in analysis, 201 pp., Ed. Acad. Romane, 2003, ISBN 973-27-0956-1.
6. Jordan structures in analysis, geometry and physics, 234 pp. Ed. Acad. Romane, 2009, ISBN 978-973-27-1775-2.

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8. (with I. Popovici). On representations of special Jordan algebras, *Rev. Roumaine Math. Pures et Appl.*, **13** (1968), No. 8, 1089 - 1100.
9. (with I. Popovici). Graduations maximales associatives simples quaternioniennes, *Rev. Roumaine Math. Pures et Appl.*, **15** (1970), No. 3, 359 - 366.
10. Géométrie différentielle sur les formes réelles de Jordan de type A_r , *Boll. Un. Mat. Ital.*, (1970), No. 4, 585 - 594.
11. L'étude des opérateurs infinitésimaux associées aux algèbres de Jordan simples, *An. Univ. Bucuresti, Mat.-Mec.*, **19** (1970), No. 2, 83 - 90.
12. Métriques sur les formes réelles de Jordan, *Rev. Roumaine Math. Pures et Appl.*, **15** (1970), No. 9, 1437 - 1444.
13. Sur les graduations spéciales réelles simples, *Rev. Roumaine Math. Pures et Appl.*, **16** (1971), No. 5, 691 - 700.
14. Riemannian spaces associated with some real Jordan algebras (in Romanian), Ph. D. Thesis, IMAR, 1971 (unpublished).
15. (with I. Popovici and A. Turtoi). Some maximal graduation classes and their Riemannian properties, *Scripta Fac. Sci. Nat. UJEP Brunensis, Arch. Math.*, **7** (1971), 1, 31 - 46.
16. Sulle strutture quaternionali grassmanniane, *Boll. Un. Mat. Ital.* (4), **10** (1974), 406 - 411.
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24. On geometrical applications of Jordan algebras, in *Proceedings of the 22nd Conference of Differential Geometry and Topology* (Bucharest, September 1991), 153 - 164, Bucharest, 1991.
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