



We regret to announce the death of professor Marius Sala, delegate of the Institut de Linguistică, Academia Română and Secretary of the Executive Committee of the 12th International Congress of Linguists, Bucharest 1967.

Marius Sala (08.09.1932-19.08.2018) was a member of the Romanian Academy since 1993 and vice-president of this institution between 2006 and 2014. He was director of the Institute of Linguistics of the Romanian Academy, now the Institute of Linguistics "Iorgu Iordan-Al. Rosetti" from 1994 until 2017. He was correspondent member of the Real Academia Española, of the Instituto Mexicano de Cultura, of the Academia Nacional de Letras din Uruguay and of Academia Peruana de la Lengua (2004). Professor Sala hold honorary doctorates from the Universities of Arad, Craiova, Oradea and Timișoara. He taught at the Universities of Bucharest, Timișoara, Heidelberg, Mexico City, Cologne, Frankfurt, Oviedo, Málaga and Udine.

Marius Sala was editor of the *Dictionary of the Romanian Language*, of the *Etymological Dictionary of the Romanian Language*, of the *History of Romanian* and of the *Little Academic Dictionary*. He was a member of numerous national and international committees and of editorial boards. Prof. Sala published widely on Romanian, Romanian dialects, Romance linguistics, Judeospaniol and language contact. Since 1995 he organized the bilingual conferences of the Romanian Academy on *Romanian Language and its relations with the history and culture of Romanians*.

He was the Director of the Romanian Pavilion at EXPO '92 in Sevilla and Commissioner General of the Romanian Pavilion at Expo '98 in Lisbon.

Marius Sala's passing away is a great loss to the study of Romanian and to the linguistic community of Romanian. He will be greatly missed by his colleagues.