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Acad. Maya Simionescu ,

Doctor Honoris Causa of the University of Medicine, Pharmacy ,Sciences and Technology

from Targu Mures

Academician Maya Simionescu, President of the Biological Sciences Section of the Romanian Academy, a prominent figure in cell biology research in Romania and a researcher with a rich international scientific record, received on Thursday, 11th December, 2025, the title of Doctor Honoris Causa awarded by the "George Emil Palade" University of Medicine, Pharmacy, Sciences and Technology of Targu Mures.

Prof. Dr. Leonard Azamfirei, Rector of UMFST, emphasized that the university in Targu Mures owes its name to the initiative of Acad. Maya Simionescu, who collaborated closely with the famous professor George Emil Palade, Nobel Prize laureate: "Every year, on the occasion of University Days, we award the title of Doctor Honoris Causa to a personality who has distinguished himself in a special way at the global level, in terms of science, culture (...) and in a mandatory way these people must have done something over time, something consistent for the University.

This year, the decision of the University Senate was that Academician Maya Simionescu should receive this honorable distinction. The fact that this University of Medicine, Pharmacy, Sciences and Technology bears the name of the Romanian-born scientist, George Emil Palade, is due to him."

The laudation was delivered by Prof. Anca Sim, who highlighted the fact that Academician Maya Simionescu "is a remarkable and complex personality, an illustrious scientist, a true symbol of duty pushed on the path of perfection and perfection (...), ranked first in the top "Best Scientists – 200 personalities in the field of biology and biochemistry"".

In the second part of the ceremony, acad. Maya Simionescu gave the vote of thanks, ending with a warm plea for the development of scientific research and teamwork: "Research is one of the most beautiful adventures of the human spirit - an Everest of knowledge, a team adventure, without limits, without barriers; it is an infinite road, like Brancusi's Column, a road to knowledge. One of us reaches the top. The peak is the symbol of recognition. But the true joy lies in the common ascent, on the road to the heights, sprinkled with the sadness of failures, but also the joy of success. Research is the Everest of the human spirit, an adventure where I like to believe that the impossible does not exist."

