

EDITORIAL

With the resumption of the publication of the Romanian Journal of Legal Medicine, I find it important to recall a few milestones that have, over time, served as a guarantee of the role our specialty has played in the history of medical sciences.

In 1892, Professor Mina Minovici (1858–1933), recognized as the founding father of the institutional medico-legal system in Romania, built the Medico-Legal Institute, considered by all specialists of that era to be the most modern medico-legal establishment in Europe. In 1928, he published his monumental treatise on legal medicine.

His brother, Professor Nicolae Minovici (1868–1941), who succeeded him both at the department and at the helm of the Institute, founded the Romanian Society of Legal Medicine along with the Journal of Legal Medicine, the Society's official publication (1936).

In 1940, with the beginning of World War II, the journal ceased publication, although in the following years other specialized journals appeared, among them The Bulletin of Legal Medicine and Issues of Legal Medicine and Criminology.

In 1989, the current building of the National Institute of Legal Medicine was constructed, and upon taking its leadership, I considered it both necessary and imperative to resume the publication of the Romanian Journal of Legal Medicine, originally founded by Nicolae Minovici.

In 1992, marking 100 years since the inauguration of the Medico-Legal Institute in Romania, we reorganized the Romanian Society of Legal Medicine and its official publication: the Romanian Journal of Legal Medicine.

In 2000, together with Professor Gheorghe Scripcaru (1927–2012, Iași), we drafted the legislation that still governs the operation of legal medicine institutions in Romania today.

As President of the Romanian Society of Legal Medicine, Director of the National Institute of Legal Medicine, and Editor-in-Chief of the Romanian Journal of Legal Medicine, together with numerous colleagues, we succeeded in publishing valuable specialized works, so that in 2007 our journal, meeting scientific standards, was indexed in the ISI Thomson Reuters database.

Our intention is for the journal to continue reflecting the latest developments in the fields of forensic medicine, pathology, clinical forensic medicine, forensic genetics, toxicology, forensic psychiatry, anthropology, and identification—in essence, the entire vast scope that forms the subject of study for one of the most complex medical specialties, with implications in social life, serving as a bridge between medical-biological sciences and justice.

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