Book review:

Romanian Academy (1866-2016). Bases, traditions and legal values (By: Prof. PhD Mircea Duțu, Dr.HC)

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An important editorial work devoted to the Romanian academic institution (Romanian Academy) appeared under the signature of the researcher and teacher **Mircea Duțu**. A Romanian specialist in the field of Environmental Law (Director of the Institute for Legal Research "Acad. Andrei Rădulescu" - Romanian Academy), he was distinguished by a series of books and scientific articles, highly appreciated by the academic community

[1-12]. In these lines we will refer to the volume titled **Academia Română (1866-2016). Temeiuri, tradiții și valori juridice** [EN: Romanian Academy (1866-2016). Bases, traditions and legal values], published at the end of 2016 at the Universul Juridic Publishing House (Code: [UJU978-606-673-812-5](#)). The author states from the beginning that „The present study is meant to be a modest homage to the fundamental academic institution of the country, now at the completion of a century and a half of activity in the service of the Romanian Nation, as well as numerous legal practitioners - as a band and / or profession - who have contributed, under the supreme academic academy, to the development of national and universal science and culture" [13]. The major parts of the study are: Romanian Legal Encyclopedia - a fundamental national scientific project; Legal bases of the

founding of the Romanian Academy; Andrei Rădulescu - President of the Romanian Academy and founder of the scientific research institutionalized in the field of law; Vespasian V. Pella - founder of international penitentiary law, promoter of the unification of criminal law, artisan of international criminal justice; Vintilă Dongoroz - a complex personality of Romanian legal science; Constantin Bosianu - founding personality of Romanian science, education and culture; A major Romanian contribution to the promotion of peace by law: the initiative to create the International Law Academy in The Hague; Institute of Legal Research, Acad. Andrei Rădulescu "of the Romanian Academy (1954-2014). Six decades of scientific research in the field of law; Founding of the Legal Society and the Law Magazine, an important moment in the development of the Romanian legal culture. The last part is devoted to the approach of Directions and Perspectives in the Romanian legal culture. Here we appreciate that

there are several elements that might interest the current youth (students from the Legal Sciences). These elements consist in addressing the transcendence and innovation of law and training lawyer training, focusing on the crisis of law study and the need for trans-systemic education. In the same context, it is extremely important to us what Professor Mircea Duțu claims, namely that „To gain access to academic space, a law graduate has to go through several *stages of initiative*, to pass through the filters of complicated becoming. This entails the transition from the primary status, simple technician, with the exclusive role of interpretation and application of legal texts, to the next one, to some extent complementary and superior, of a *special intellectual*. One who, on the one hand, is bound to manifest his independence of concern and spirit by ceasing to behave as a mere accomplice of political power, since the object of his activity is political power, a part of it exercised by through legal norms, and, on the other, by manifesting its intelligence, by its ability to evaluate, critique, observe, theoretically, and valorize. And from the ranks of these genuine lawyers to select the best to accede to academic recognition and consecration” [14]. Finally, we find several issues related to the science of law and the dilemmas of the last three decades, to which a deontological approach joins. The author of the paper should know that he is [15] Vice-President of the Ecology Commission of the Romanian Academy (since 2003) and Member of the Board of Directors of the International Center for Comparative Environmental Law (Limoges, Franța, 1998).

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