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## **PROFESSOR VĂDUVA AN EXAMPLE OF HONESTY, GENEROSITY, AND PROFESSIONALISM**

It is with deep sadness that I write these lines in memory of Professor Ion Văduva, my PhD supervisor, an academic personality whose generosity, dedication and mentoring touched the lives of many. With deep gratitude, I remember Professor Văduva for his immense contribution as an academic supervisor, guiding countless students through their doctoral journeys with his invaluable wisdom and support. Throughout his esteemed career, Professor Văduva personified integrity and professionalism, serving as an inspirational role model to all who had the privilege of knowing him. His commitment to excellence and his unwavering belief in the potential of his students have left a visible mark on the academic community.

I remember with pleasure and gratitude the years of my doctoral studies in which I regularly participated in the Scientific Seminar "Stochastic Modeling and Simulation", organized and coordinated by Professor Văduva. The constructive discussions that we had during the seminar stimulated the competitive spirit of all the participants, the curiosity and the desire for future collaborations. His encouragements and admonitions have motivated me throughout the doctoral stage and had a strong impact to the completion of my thesis. I will strive to follow his example of honesty, generosity, and professionalism.

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As we mourn the loss of an outstanding mentor and colleague, we take solace in the lasting legacy Professor Văduva leaves behind. I strongly believe that his profound impact on the lives of his students and colleagues will be cherished and remembered for generations to come.

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