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# PROFESSOR DR. ION VĂDUVA: THE FORCE OF A MODEL

It is with great nostalgia that I recall the past time when Professor Ion Văduva was my Ph.D. advisor, turning me into the only Romanian author who was included in the American Encyclopedia of Statistical Sciences, by means of an outlier detection algorithm that is named after me (Outlier Detection, Hristea Algorithm. *Encyclopedia of Statistical Sciences*, Second Edition, Vol. 9, N. Balakrishnan, Campbell B. Read, and Brani Vidakovic, Editors-in-Chief. Wiley, New York, p. 5885-5886, 2005). Remarkably, in the case of Professor Văduva, the applied computer scientist cohabitates with the applied mathematician and statistician in full harmony. Notable contributions have emerged in all these directions, enabling his Ph.D. students to penetrate a great variety of fields, using statistics, simulation and programming as appropriate tools. As Professor, Ph.D. advisor and Director of the Computing Center of our University, Professor Văduva has touched the careers, and thus the lives, of many. Armed with a choleric temperament, wrapped inside a heart made of gold, the Professor has shaped up and has left his unique mark on multiple future careers. We will always miss him!

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