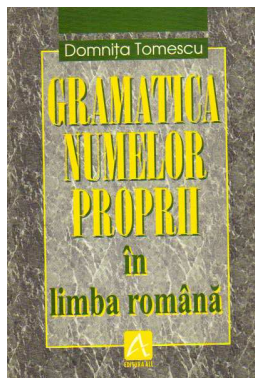


To Domnița Tomescu, a Collegial Tribute



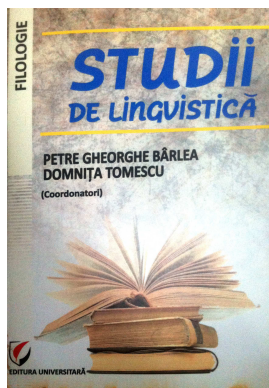
The personality of Domnița Tomescu happily unites the scholar whose name is known beyond the borders of the country, the teacher who has fully used her skills for the benefit of so many philology graduates, both coordinates serving the same goal: the theoretical and practical study of the Romanian language, from different perspectives, as she is the dignified daughter of her father, professor Ichim. But above all, Domnița Tomescu is the person you can count on, under hard circumstances, and the author of these lines is actually a witness testifying for all that has been said, and expressing her gratitude.

As a young researcher, she was part of a research team at the Institute of Linguistics in Bucharest, first led by Ion Donat, then by Gh. Bolocan, who laid the basis for the elaboration of *Dicționarului toponimic al României*/'The Toponymic Dictionary of Romania'. She conducted hundreds of toponymic investigations, she read and made comments on thousands of archive documents for the purpose of inventorying historical toponymy, she cooperated, as an editor, to the publication of the seven volumes of *Dicționarul toponimic al României. Oltenia*/'The Toponymic Dictionary of Romania. Oltenia'. Due to less favourable circumstances, the publication of the dictionary was delayed.

Therefore, without betraying her passion for the research of proper names, Domnița Tomescu later started a teaching career at "Spiru Haret" University and the University of Ploiești.

The proofs of the faithfulness to her "first love" are her PhD thesis, published in 1998, *Gramatica numelor proprii în limba română*/'The Grammar of Proper Names in Romanian', a work which was granted the "Timotei Cipariu" award of the Romanian Academy, numerous articles approaching various aspects concerning the status of proper names in the Romanian language, the volume *Numele de persoană la români*.

Perspectivă istorică/'Romanians' Proper Names. A Historical Perspective' (2001), and last, but not least, her active presence at international onomastics congresses: 1990: Helsinki (Finland), 1993: Trier (Germany), 1996: Aberdeen (Scotland), 1999: Santiago de Compostela (Spain), 2002: Uppsala (Sweden), 2005: Pisa (Italy), 2011: Barcelona (Spain).



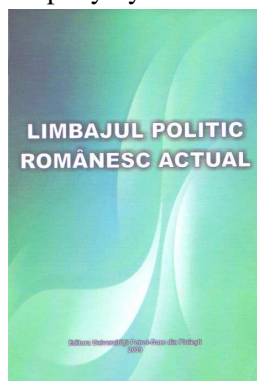
A particular place in the work of Domnița Tomescu as a researcher in onomastics is held by her participation, as coordinator and editor-in-chief, in the international project *Patronymica Romanica (PatRom)*, within the cooperation between the Romanian Academy and Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (DFG) (1992-2012). Besides her activity as editor of certain patronyms in *Dicționarul istoric al antroponimiei romanice*/'Dictionnaire historique d'anthropony romane', vol. I, II, 2004, 2007, Tübingen),

through papers such as *Elemente lexicale romane in antroponimia românească*/'Roman

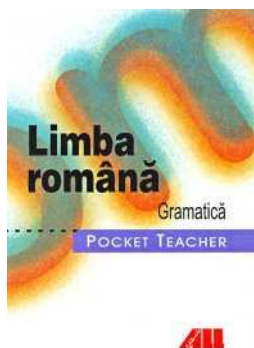


Lexical Elements in Romanian Anthroponymy’, *Izvoarele documentare ale numelor de familie din Romania*/'Documentary Sources of Surnames in Romania', *Morfologia numelor de familie românești*/'The Morphology of Romanian Surnames', etc., Domnița Tomescu represented the Institute of Linguistics of Bucharest at various meetings of the PATROM editorial board which took place in Portugal (1992), Belgium (1993), Germany (1993), Switzerland (1994), Bucharest (1994), Spain (1995), Italy (1997), etc.

In recognition of her merits in the field, she was invited to be a member of the editorial boards of national and foreign onomastics journals: *Studies and Research in Onomastics and Lexicology (SCOL)*, University of Craiova, *Rivista di Onomastica Italiana* (Rome, Italy). She is also a member of the International Committee of Onomastic Sciences (Belgium), and between 1998 and 2006, she was a member of the Commission for Toponymy and Standardisation of Place Names at the Romanian Academy.



The scientific concerns of Domnița Tomescu go beyond the scope of onomastics, a fact proved by the following volumes: *Limba română. Gramatică*/'The Romanian Language. Grammar' (2001), *Analiza gramaticală a textului. Metodă și dificultăți*/'The Grammatical Analysis of the Text. Method and Difficulties' (2003) (materializing her teaching activity within the Department of Romanian Language, where she lectured on Morphology, Syntax, Semantics) as well as her participation in the designing of *Gramatica Academiei*/'The Grammar of the Academy' (2002-2005). She has also obtained grants as manager of such projects as: *Antroponimia românească în context romanic*/'Romanian Anthroponymy in a Romance Context', *Limbaajul politic românesc actual*/'The Current Romanian Political Language', the members of which were young researchers from the Faculty of Letters and Sciences in Ploiești. The various aspects of current political language, the topic of this project, are approached in such papers as: *Ambiguitatea termenilor politici români*/'The Ambiguity of Romanian Political Terms', *Lexic și terminologie în limbaajul politic*/'Lexicon and Terminology in Political Language', *Derivarea deonomastică în limbaajul politic românesc*/'Deonomastic Derivation in Romanian Political Language', etc.



As a professor, she delivered a series of lectures and conferences: 1995, Oviedo (Spain), 2002, Uppsala (Sweden), 2005, Pisa (Italy), 2006, Rouen (France), 2010, Turkey.

Since 2007, she has been a PhD supervisor in the domain of Philology at "Ovidius" University of Constanța.

At the age of 70, Domnița Tomescu is in perfect physical and intellectual shape. May she keep the same spiritual youth, her charming smile, the light in her eyes and the great humour so that her PhD students of today and tomorrow will further enjoy her guidance.

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