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ACADEMIC BACKGROUND:

1958 - Graduated from the Faculty of Medicine of Bucharest
1969 - Degree of Doctor of Medical Science
1995 Professor at the 1st Surgical Clinic, Clinic County Hospital of Sibiu,
Faculty of Medicine of Sibiu

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITY

PREVIOUS APPOINTMENTS:

Bucharest:

1959 - House Surgeon
1962 - General Surgeon - IInd Surgical Clinic of the Emergency Hospital of Bucharest
1969 - Head Surgeon - IInd Surgical Clinic of the Emergency Hospital of Bucharest
1975 - Chief of Casualty Team - Emergency Hospital of Bucharest

Sibiu:

1986 - Chief of Surgical Department - County Hospital of Sibiu
1988 - Chief of Thoracic Surgical Department - County Hospital of Sibiu
1992 - Chief of 1st Surgical Clinic - Clinic County Hospital of Sibiu

CURRENT POSITION:

- ***Professor of Surgery*** and ***Chairman*** at the Faculty of Medicine, Sibiu University
- ***Consultant professor and doctor's degree leader***
- ***Chief of 1st Surgical Clinic*** and ***Chief of Thoracic Surgical Department*** - Clinic County Hospital of Sibiu
- ***Member of the Romanian Academy of Medical Sciences*** (1996)

POSTGRADUATED COURSES

1. 1."Semaine de l'enseignement chirurgical del'Hôpital Beaujon", Prof. J.L. Lortat-Jacob, may 1970, Paris.
2. ISDE Scholarship 1988, Prof. Teruo Kakegawa, Kurume High School of Medicine, Fukuoka, 1st Department of Surgery, January - April, 1989. Theme: Esophageal surgery. Microsurgery. Autosuture. Esophageal lymphnode dissection.
3. Basiskurs für Mikrochirurgie, Unfallkrankenhauss Meidling, Viena 1990, January. Doz. Kuderna.
4. Hôpital Edouard Hériot, Urgence Chirurgie Viscérale, Lyon, Prof. Lombard-Platet, scholarship of AFC (Association Française de Chirurgie) 1990.
5. Informatics
6. Homeopathy.
7. Anesthesiology.

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION:

- ***main speciality : General surgery***
- ***second specialities :***
- ***Thoracic surgery*** (specialist 1988, head surgeon 2001),
- ***Esophageal surgery*** (personal series-358 esophagocoloplasties),

- pharyngeal- laryngeal surgery. Certificate of recognition : **Pioneer and World Authority on Pharyngeal Reconstruction** (University of Southern California, Keck School of Medicine, Los Angeles , Prof. Tom R. DeMeester , (2004).
- **Emergency surgery**
- *competency : Laparoscopic surgery* (1995)
- *other fields of interest :*
- **Digestive surgery**
- **Head and Neck surgery** (maxillo-facial surgery, oropharynx, orbital exenteration, cranioplasty, neck dissection)
- **ENT surgery** (larynx)
- **Autosuture** (mechanical suture, stapling)
- **Plastic surgery** (musculocutaneous flaps)
- **Surgery of morbid obesity** (Bilio-pancreatic bypass Scopinaro III procedure introduced in Romania.
- Published in Romanian J Gastroenterol 1994,3:23-6)
- **Oncologic surgery**
- **Vascular surgery : microsurgery** (Specialization: Kurume-Japan; Vienna; Lyon). **Blood access: arterio-veinous fistulae** by microsurgery (for hemodialysis). Arterial desobstruction. Profundoplasty. Vascular prosthesis (inclusive aorta). **Surgery of portal hypertension. Portocaval shunts**
- **Gynecology.** Colovaginoplasty.
- **Endocrinologic surgery**
- **Urologic surgery**
- **Videosurgery** : 155 video tapes, presented at international congresses and International Festival of Medical Films (Amiens-France,1990; Badajoz-Spain,1990; Mauriac-France,1991, under the Patronage of WHO). Award of Videomed 99,Badajoz,Spain.

SPECIAL FIELDS OF ACTIVITY:

SURGERY OF THE ESOPHAGUS

- 358 esophagocoloplasties (personal series, particularly for chemical burns of the esophagus and pharynx). Greatest series in the world performed by a single surgeon.
- **Personal contributions :**
- original classification of the left colic vessels with a view to esophagoplasty (J.Chir. Paris, 1977, 113)
- **original procedures of esophagocoloplasty:** *superlong colonic graft, continuous colic loop, preservation of distal marginal artery, primary ligation of colic arteries, rectocoloesophacoplasty ,ileoceoesophagoplasty with long ileal loop (personal variants), Ileoesophagoplasty (personal arrangements,"box resection"), composite ("kaleidoscopic") esophagoplasty, esophageal and pharyngeal reconstruction with musculocutaneous flap,"balanced" coloesophagoplasty.* Unusual complications after colonic interposition. Rare types of esophageal diseases (Hogkin, Behcet, pemphygoid). Esophageal injuries (See textbooks and selected papers)

SURGERY OF THE PHARYNX

A) Benign lesions (corrosive)

- 145 anastomoses with the pharynx and 81pharyngeal reconstructions with colon, ileum, jejunum, skin and myocutaneous flaps (pharyngoplasties). Corrosive strictures, pharyngeal injuries, benign tumors.
- **Personal contributions : original procedures of pharyngoplasty :** *Original classification of pharyngoplasty, reconstruction of the pharynx with colon,ileum, jejunum, skin and myocutaneous flaps. Double pharyngocoloplasty en Y, pharyngoplastia "vera"and "spuria," transmandibular pharyngoplast, pharyngoileoplasty.*

B) Malign lesions (carcinoma of the pharynx)

- 99 total and partial resections of the oro- and hypopharynx and reconstruction with colon and plasty with myocutaneous flaps. Functional surgery in carcinoma of the pharynx (See to textbooks: "Atlas of pharyngeal reconstruction", to be published in Los Angeles)
- 28 **mediastinal tracheostomies** . I introduced this procedure in Romania.
- **Miscellaneous:** - Roux - en - Y gastric reconstruction with duodenal reintegration and gastric reservoir after total and subtotal gastrectomy – 200 operations.
- videosurgery

SCIENTIFIC ACTIVITY

Papers: (281)

- 236 published in Romania,
- 45 published abroad, in outstanding professional reviews [J.Chir. (Paris), Lyon Chir., Ann. Otolaryng. (Paris), Surgery Today (Jap.), Dis. Esophagus (Tokyo, *Recent Advances in Diseases of the Esophagus*, editor H.W. Pinotti, *Monduzzi Editore*, Bologna, 2001]. 25 papers are published in journals quoted as **ISI**, and 23 quotations in **ISI reviews**.

Films:

- 11 color films on 16 m/m and 128 videofilms of surgical technique (scientific, teaching, postgraduate training). I promoted **videosurgery** in Romania and I was winner of awards from international film festivals (Badajoz, Spain 1990).

BOOKS:

1. "**Diaphragmatic Injuries**", Medical Edit., Bucharest, 1970
2. "**Textbook of Practical Exercises in General Surgery**" (in collaboration), edited by Prof. I. Suteu, Medical and Pharmaceutic University, Bucharest, Romania, 1980.
3. "**Esophageal Injuries**", Z.Popovici, vol.7 - chapter 45, section V, page 443-468 in "International Trends in General Thoracic Surgery edited by Webb", W.R. and Besson, A., Mosby Year Book, Inc., St. Louis, 1991
4. "**Diaphragmatic Injuries**", in "International Trends in General Thoracic Surgery" edited by Webb, W.R. and Besson, A., Mosby Year Book, Inc., St. Louis, 1991. A Besson and Z.Popovici, vol.7, chapter 32, section IV, page 317-322..
5. "**Pharyngeal-Oesophageal Reconstruction with Laryngeal Preservation Following Severe Caustic Injury**" Z.Popovici, in "Surgery of the Oesophagus", IInd Edition, chapter 11, page 328-349, edited by T P J Hennessy, and A Cuschieri, Butterworth-Heinemann, Ltd., Oxford, U.K., 1992
6. "**Pharyngoesophageal Reconstruction in High Corrosive Strictures**" Z.Popovici, in: "Emergency Surgery", edited by V. Antunović, CIC Edizioni Internazionali, Roma, Italy 1996, 169-78.
7. "**Chemical Burns of the Esophagus. Surgical management**", Z.Popovici, *In* : MD Brette, D Aidan, J-P Monteil, in "**Encyclopédie Medico-Chirurgicale**" (Elsevier, Paris-France), Oto-Rhino-Laryngol 2-820-A-10 1994, 9p. In this chapter are reproduced by written permission my photographs about my conception on pharyngeal reconstruction in corrosive strictures and three references.
8. "**Strictures of Soft Palate and Hypopharynx**", Z.Popovici, *In*: MD Brette, N Schlegel, and J P Monteil . In "**Encyclopédie Medico-Chirurgicale**" (Elsevier, Paris-France), Oto-Rhino-Laryngol 21-615-A-10, 1997, 5p. In this chapter are reproduced by written permission photographs and my conception about approach of the pharynx in reconstruction following extensive corrosive stenosis.
9. "**Original Procedure of Roux-en-Y Reconstruction with Duodenal Reintegration and Gastric Reservoir following Total and Subtotal Gastrectomy.**" Z. Popovici in : "Malignant Tumors of the Esophagus and Cardia of the Stomach", edited by P Lozac'h, Brest, France, 1997, 4p.
10. "**Corrosive and Non-Reflux Esophagitis (rare types)**" - Z. Popovici in "Textbook of Surgery", vol. 1, edited by N Angelescu, Medical Edit., Bucharest, Romania, 2001, page 1363 - 1380.
11. "**Tumors of Head and Neck**" - Z. Popovici, in "Textbook of Surgery", vol. 1, edited by N Angelescu, Medical Edit., Bucharest, Romania, 2001, page 727-94.
12. "**Surgical Treatment for Pharyngo-Esophageal Carcinoma. Indications for Mediastinal Tracheostomy.**" Z.Popovici, in: "Recent Advances in Diseases of the Esophagus", edited by H W Pinotti, Monduzzi edit., Medimond Inc., International Proceedings Division, Bologna, Italy, 2001, 563-7
13. **Atlas of pharyngeal reconstruction (to be published in Los Angeles)**

LECTURES HELD ABROAD (VISITING PROFESSOR AND INVITED SPEAKER) :

1. Personal conception on pharyngoplasty in chemical burns - lecture at Kurume University, School of Medicine, Fukuoka, Japan, 30.01.1989, organizer Prof. Teruo Kakegawa.
2. The VIII session of videosurgery. June 1989. Rome, 2nd Surgical Clinic, Policlinico Umberto I^o, Roma. Invited guest by Prof. Guido Castrini.

3. Reconstruction of the pharynx by musculocutaneous flaps associated to esophagocoloplasty - lecture and video, Kupat Holim Carmel Hospital, Haifa, IInd Department of Surgery, 17.11.1989, organizer Dr. C.S. Antal.
4. Meine Erfahrung im Schlundkopf - und Speiseröhreersatz mit Dickdarm; Forschungen über Gefäßversorgung des Dickdarms - lecture at Meidling Unfallkrankenhaus, Vienna, 9.03.1990, organizer Doz.H. Kuderna.
5. "II^{ème} Biennale Internationale du Film Médical d'Amiens, FILMED'90", Amiens, 12 - 14.09.1990
6. The VIth International Festival of Medical Films, VIDEOMED '90", Badajoz (Spain), 19 - 24.11.1990.
7. The IIIrd Festival of Medical Films", Mauriac (France), 12-13.04.1991, organized by W.H.O. (World Health Organization).Invited speaker.
8. Reconstruction of the pharynx and oesophagus following injury or tumour -lecture at Hope Hospital, University of Manchester, School of Medicine, University Department of Surgery Salford, Manchester, 11.11.1991, organizers : Sir Prof. Miles Irving and Dr. John Bancewicz.
9. Manchester , Birmingham, Dundee and Edinburgh (United Kingdom), 7-21.11.1991, invited by Ethicon Co. Invited speaker.
10. Brest, France, 11 - 12.06.1992. invited by Prof. Patrick Lozac'h. Invited speaker.
11. "Pharyngeal reconstruction in extensive corrosive strictures" - lecture at the "University of South California" (USC), Department of Surgery , Los Angeles, August 21, 1996, organizer Prof. Tom R. DeMeester.
12. Bethesda (Maryland - USA) 21 - 25 August 1996, invited by Prof. Norman Rich from the "*Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences*" (USUHS), *F. Edward Hébert School of Medicine*. Invited speaker Lecture : Missed esophageal injuries at the Symposium "11-th Surgery for trauma day".
13. "Pharyngeal and esophageal reconstruction in corrosive strictures" - lecture at the "National Naval Medical Center"), Bethesda, Maryland, USA, August 23, 1996, organizers: Prof. William R.Drucker.
14. Congress Esophageal 99 Milano - April 19 -25, lecture: "Caustic lesions - Reconstruction for pharyngoesophageal lesions". Invited speaker. Organizer: Prof. A.Peracchia.
15. Académie Nationale de Chirurgie de Paris, 27.01.1999. Lecture : "Résultats du traitement chirurgical des sténoses caustiques graves pharyngo-oesophagiennes. Intérêt de la reconstruction totale du pharynx par transposition de l'iléon et du côlon. (Considération sur 253 patients opérés)" - Z. Popovici.
16. Académie Nationale de Chirurgie de Paris, 17.01.2001. Lecture : "*The surgical management of corrosive gastric strictures.* " Invited Guest, introduced by Prof. J. Moreaux. Reception of the high degree of *Membre associé étranger*.
17. São Paulo Brazil - member of the Scientific Board and Chairman of the VIIIth World Congress of The International Society for Diseases of the Esophagus, Esophagus (ISDE), 5 - 8 september 2001. Invited speaker.
18. 65-th Annual Congress of the Japan Surgical Association - Fukuoka, Japan 13 th - 15 th november 2003. Invited speaker. Lecture : "Right ileo-cecal colonic plasty as an esophageal conduit"(to be published).ISDE Committee member, national representative, and chairman to the session "Esophageal, gastric and EGJ tumors

TEACHING ACTIVITY:

37 years of teaching at Faculties of Medicine

Bucharest: 24 years (1962 - 1986) at the *Faculty of Medicine of Bucharest*

Sibiu: 13 years (1992 - 2005) at the *Faculty of Medicine, Sibiu University*

MEMBERSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS:

NATIONAL:

- Romanian Society of Surgery (A.M.R.) from 1962. (Secretary of the Bucharest Surgical Society during 1974-1986)
- Romanian Society of Medical Informatics (1992))
- Romanian Society of Hepato-Bilio-Pancreatic Surgery, fellow of the Executive Committee from September 1993
- Romanian Society of Laparoscopic Surgery and Stapling, (President Prof. Sergiu Duca - Cluj-Napoca). *President* of the Section of the Society from Sibiu (1995) and *Honorary member* of the Society (1996)
- *Member of the Romanian Society of Thoracic Surgery*. Vice-president (2002)
- Member of Romanian Society of Gastroenterology (2000).
- Member of the Romanian Society of Phlebology. Vice-president (1996)
- Member of the Romanian Society of Oncology (1986)
- *Member of the Editorial Board of the review " Medical Sibiu "* (1994)

- Member of the Editorial Board of the review "Medical and Surgical Experimental Research", Timișoara(1994) Member of the Editorial Board of the review "Acta Medica Transsilvanica", Sibiu (1996)

INTERNATIONAL:

- *Union Médicale Balkanique*, Athens (Greece), from 1966
- *International Society of Surgery (I.S.C.)*, Pratteln (Switzerland). From 1967. Senior member from 2002.
- *International Society for Diseases of the Esophagus (I.S.D.E.)*, Tokyo (Japan) from 1983
- *International Biographical Center (IBC)*, Cambridge, UK (1992, Life Fellow)
- *The American Biographical Institute Research Institution (ABIRA)*, Raleigh, North Carolina (1992, Life Fellow)
- *World Organization for Specialized Studies on Diseases of the Esophagus (O.E.S.O.)*, Paris , 1996. Congresses held at U.N.E.S.C.O Headquarters. Director : Prof. R. Giuli.
- National representative of ISDE from 1990
- **Congress International Consulting Board** member--Esophagus 2001, VIIIth World Congress of ISDE, September 5-8, São Paulo, Brazil
- **ISDE Committee Member**-World Congress of the ISDE, May 27-29, 2004, Madrid, Spain
- **President and founder of Romanian Section of ISDE** (1986)

OTHER PROFESSIONAL, SCIENTIFIC AND ACADEMIC TITLES:

NATIONAL:

- Secretary of the Romanian Society of Surgery, Bucharest Section (1974-1986)
- President of the Society of Surgery of Sibiu (1986)
- Deputy President of the College of Physicians and Chemists of Sibiu (1986)
- Co-ordinator of the surgical problems of the district of Sibiu (1986)
- President of the Cardio - Vascular and Thoracic Surgery Commission of the district of Sibiu (1994)
- Co-ordinator of the TEMPUS II Program (1995)
- **Member of the Romanian Academy of Medicine (1996)**
- Vice-President of the Medical Forum of the Sibiu District (2003).
- Director of the Center of Specialization in Esophageal Surgery from Sibiu (2000).

INTERNATIONAL:

- **Winner of the 1988 I.S.D.E.** ("International Society for Diseases of the Esophagus") **Scholarship**
- Honorary Diploma **Fellow for Research** of the University of Kurume - Japan (1989), conferred by Prof. Teruo Kakagawa
- **Awarded** by the " **International Festival of Medical Films** " , VIDEOMED '90", Badajoz - Spain, 19-24.11.1990.
- **Member of the New-York Academy of Sciences (1997)**
- **Member of "Académie Nationale de Chirurgie", Paris (2001)**
- **National representative of ISDE** (International Society for Diseases of the Esophagus.)

HONORS, AWARDS:

- **Certificate of Recognition** for large experience on a new technique of esophagocoloplasty from Prof. Guido Castrini, Policlinico Umberto I^o, 2-nd Surgical Clinic, University of Rome, Italy, May 27, 1983
- **Certificate of Recognition** from Prof. P. Mallet-Guy, Hospital Hotel-Dieu, Lyon, Department of Surgery. Chief redactor to the journal "Lyon Chirurgical." "Lyon Chirurgical will be always happy to publish your work", June 6, 1985 (Quotted).
- **Certificate of Recognition** from Prof. Jaen-Min Sheh from National Taiwan University (1991). Appreciation of my chapter on Esophageal injuries (St. Louis. See textbooks)
- **Recognition** from Dr. Paul Orsoni, Paris who published the first successful case about colon interposition (1950) and wrote a textbook on this subject. "I consider that you have brought by your angiographic studies on the blood supply of the colon a capital contribution to the esophagocoloplasty." January 3, 1978 (Quotted).
- **Appreciation** from Prof. J. Moreaux, Department of Surgery, Hospital Porte de Choisy, Paris, for the paper on Diaphragmatic injuries, published in J de Chirurgie (Paris) and for my thesis for a doctor's degree January 4, 1978. He made his doctorate with the same subject. (See : Textbookes).

- **Certificate of Recognition** from Prof. J.Perrotin, Paris, for my work and textbook on Diaphragmatic Injuries. He is the author about Surgery of the diaphragm, 1978.
- **Recognition** from Prof.P. Monod-Broca,Centre Hospitalier Kremlin-Bicêtre. Chirurgie Digestive, Paris,France.15.02.1978.Appreciation for the three papers published in J.Chir. Paris (1978.)
- **Apprecciation** and testimony from Prof. Marcel Roux,Clinique Thérapeutique Chirurgicale De Vaugirard, Paris, France for the papers published in J.Chirurgie (Paris), January 23,1978.
- **Congratulations** from Dr.P.Leroy, Bruxelles, for the papers published in J Chirurgie (Paris in 1978).
- **Certificate of Recognition** from for “tremendous clinical experience” in esophageal injuries and “absoluted superb and marvelous contribution” in the chapter of his book, from Prof. Watts R. Webb, Tulane University Medical Center,New Orleans, St.Louis,May 29,1989 and July 18, 1990 (See: Textbookes).
- **Certificate of Recognition** from Prof. Teruo Kakegawa, University of Kurume, High of Medicine, Fukuoka, January 1-April 1.1989. I received also an **award** of Fellow of research in microsurgery and pharyngeal reconstruction(See: ISDE News 1986,6:9 and Kurume Med.J 1989, 36:41-7)
- **Certificate of Recognition** from Prof.R. Lombard-Platet. Edouard Herriot Hospital, Department of Emergency Digestive Surgery. (15.09-1.10.1990).
- **Certificate of Recognition** from Prof. A. Zängl and Doz. H. Kuderna from Unfallkrankenhaus Meidling,Vienna, 29.02.1990 Zängl was the pioneer and authority in colon interposition for esophageal diseases in Austria. He appreciate my work and video as unique.
- **Certificate of Recognition** from Prof. Ag. .Auguste Besson, Faculté de Médecine de l'Université de Lausanne, related with the chapter on Esophageal Injuries: “Votre travail est splendide et il comptera parmi les meilleurs chapitres de notre livre multi-auteurs.” 30 august 1988.(See: Textbookes).
- **Certificate of Recognition** from dr. Chassang, president of 3-rd International Festival of Medical Film, Mauriac, France, April 12-13, selected member of the Scientific Jury, president R Le Berre From WHO.
- **Certificate of Recognition** from Dr. Andres Bas Vera Cruz, director del International Festival of videosurgery, VIDEOMED-94, Badajoz, Spain, November 21-26,1994. I was winner of a award.
- **Certificate of Recognition** from prof .A. Cuschieri for the chapter of his book “Surgery of the Oesophagus. Second Edition.”Department of Surgery, Ninewells Hospital and Medical School, Dundee, U.K, 7th june 1991 (See: Textbookes).”I consider this work to be unique and in my view it is one of the best accounts I have ever read on this difficult area of reconstructive surgery”(Quotted) .
- **Certificate of Recognition** from Prof TPJ Hennessy, idem for his book. Department of Surgery, University of Dublin,Ireland (U.K.) (See Textbookes). 1991.
- **Certificate of Recognition** from Sir Prof. Miles Irving, Hope Hospital, University of Manchester, School of Medicine, Department of Surgery, 11.11.1991.
- **Certificate of Recognition** from Prof.H. Matthews, East Birmingham Hospital, Department of Thoracic Department, November 1991. He is the follower and disciple of the famous esophageal surgeon R. Belsey ..
- **Book review** by Tom.R.DeMeester and Peter F.Crookes, in Diseases of the Esophagus,1993,6,37,on : Surgery of the oesophagus, Second Edition, ed. TPJ Hennessy and A. Cuschieri ,edit. Butterworth-Heinemann,1992. “This new chapter on pharyngo-esophageal reconstruction by Dr.Popovici of Bucharest is a veritable mine of information derived from authors experience of 251 cases of pharyngeal stenosis treated by colon interposition. ” (Quotted).
- **Recognition** by Dr. MD Brette, from, Department of ENT, Head and Neck Surgery, St Louis Hospital, Paris, who requires the written permission to reproduce some of my figures published in J. Chir. (Paris) in her paper on pharyngo-esophageal caustic burns from Enciclopédie Médico-chirurgicale from Paris. This was a perfect collaboration (September 27, 1993).
- "**Men of Achievement**", International Biographical Center (IBC), Cambridge - United Kingdom (1991)
- "**International Leaders in Achievement**", International Biographical Center (IBC), Cambridge - United Kingdom (1991)
- "**International Man of the Year 1991-1992**", International Biographical Center (IBC), Cambridge - United Kingdom (1992)
- **Award for participation in the Gulf War 1991**. Chief Colonel of Rumanian Military Surgical Hospital Nr.100 at Al Jubail, in Saudi Arabia. Aim: Humanitarian medical help. The mission “Storm in desert,” Granby Operation.was fulfilled under the direction of the “British Hospital 33”and the “Fleet Hospital Five”(USA Navy).That was the first participation of Romania besides the Allied Forces writing a new page in the Middle East history. The activity of the Romanian hospital was highly appreciated by the Vice Vice Marshall Wratten, Deputy Commander of the British Forces in Middle East and I was the winner of an award.
- **Certificate of recognition** from Prof. Z. Gerzić, president of “1-st International Conference of Emergency Surgery”, September 25-28, 1996. As Invited speaker I presented a lecture : Pharyngo-esophageal reconstruction in high corrosive strictures, published *in extenso* in “Emergency Surgery, ”edit. CIC Edizioni Internazionali,Roma.

- **Award** of the "Association of Surgeons of Great Britain & Ireland" conferred by Prof. Sir Miles Irving at the Overseas Scientific Meeting from Sibiu in 21.09.1995, organized by us.
- **Honorary member** of the *Romanian Society of Laparoscopic Surgery and Stapling* (1996)
- **Vice-president** of the *Romanian Society of Phlebology* (1996)
- **Certificate of Recognition** from the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences, Bethesda, USA (1996) from President Zimble and Prof. Norman M. Rich.
- **Certificate of Recognition** from Prof. William R. Drucker, Emeritus Professor and Chairman of University of Rochester (Mayo Clinic), USA (1996).
- **Certificate of Recognition** as the **World's Expert in pharyngoesophageal reconstruction** in high corrosive strictures from the University of Southern California School of Medicine, Los Angeles, USA, from Prof. Tom R. DeMeester (1996)
- **Certificate of Recognition** for "extensive experience" in reconstructive surgery for pharyngoesophageal strictures from Prof. A. Peracchia, Ospedale Maggiore, Policlinico, Pad. Mantegia, University of Milan, School of Medicine. Milan, Italy. (See: "ISDE News. Italian Chapter Congress. Esophagus 99, Milan, April, 1999." Quoted)
- **Certificate of Recognition** from Prof. Henrique W. Pinotti, president of VIII-th World Congress of the International Society of Diseases for the Esophagus (ISDE), Sao Paulo, Brazil, September 5-8, 2001. I was elected in the Committee Member. (Quoted: "outstanding surgeon")
- **Member of the Congress International Consulting Board** of Esophagus 2001 VIII -th World Congress - of ISDE, Sao Paulo - Brazil, September 5-8.
- **ISDE Committee Member** 2004 - the IX World Congress 27-29 May - Madrid, Spain
- **Pioneer and World Authority on Pharyngeal Reconstruction** (Certificate of Recognition from University of Southern California, Keck School of Medicine, Los Angeles, Prof. Tom R. DeMeester, 2004). "Your work focuses on a very complex area: pharyngeal reconstruction. You are one of the few people in the world who have worked in this area" (Quotation)
- **Award for academic competence** and exceptional services brought to the ULBS University "Lucian Blaga" from Sibiu, Romania (October 4, 1999).
- **Honorary Award** at 10 years of High School Teaching in ULBS, University "Lucian Blaga" of Sibiu October 27, 2000.
- **Order of Knight of White Legion in Surgery**, for brilliant achievements in surgery. May 24-26, 2000 from the President of the Romanian Society of Surgery, Prof. N. Angelescu.
- **Certificate of recognition** from Prof. Hiroyoshi Mizote, President of The 65-th Annual Congress of JSA, Fukuoka, November 2003. "The outstanding lecture -A new philosophy in esophageal reconstruction with colon: thirty-year experience-, has contributed greatly to the advancement of Surgery" (Quoted).
- **Certificate of Recognition** from Prof. E. Moreno Gonzalez, Department of General Surgery, Digestive Tract and Abdominal Organs Transplantation, University Hospital "12 of October", Madrid, president of The IX World Congress of the International Society for Diseases of the Esophagus (ISDE), May 27-29, 2004. Invited Speaker to present a selected lecture : Right ileo-cecal colonic plasty as an esophageal conduit in the Symposium "Selection and placement of esophageal conduits." The lecture will be published *in extenso* as chapter of a book.
- **Certificate of Recognition** from Prof. P. Lozac'h, University Hospital Center, "La Cavale Blanche", Department of General Surgery, Brest, France. I was Invited guest and chairman to the Esophageal Section from the Symposium "Digestive Surgery: recent acquisitions and perspectives", June 11-12, 2004.
- **Cited** by Dr. Brette M. D. from Service d'ORL et chirurgie maxillo-faciale, Hôpital Saint Louis de Paris, in "Enciclopédie Médico- Chirurgicale" (Paris) and in her paper "Pharyngoesophagoplasty by right colon interposition in corrosive strictures" *Ann Otolaryngol Chir Cervicofac* (Paris) 2000; 117: 147. She asserted that my technique has "undoubtedly" inspired its use at Hospital Saint Louis from Paris and was appreciated by Prof. Monteil J P. Moreover, it was highly appreciated in the department of prof. Sarfati where Dr. Bethereau will publish a retrospective study on 50 patients which underwent this procedure.

SELECTIVE LIST OF THE MOST REPRESENTATIVE PAPERS

1. L'attitude thérapeutique dans les traumatismes thoraco-abdominaux - I. Ţurai, Z. Popovici- "XXe Congrès de la Soc.Int.Chir.", Rome, 14 - 21.09.1963, (published "in extenso" in the volume of the congress, page 269-272).
2. Les thromboses extra-anastomotique après dérivations porto-caves - E. Papahagi, M. Ciurel, Z. Popovici - "La Presse Médicale", 1966, 74, 26: 1367-1372.

3. Le coma hépatique après les anastomoses porto-caves chez les cirrhotiques avec des hémorragies digestives graves (28 cas) - M. Ciobanu, E. Papahagi, Z. Popovici, M. Ciurel- "Arch. Mal .App. Dig.", 1966, 55, 7-8, . 675-684.
4. Considérations anatomo-cliniques sur les tumeurs mésoenchymateuses du tube digestif- C. Gh.Dimitriu, Mariana Dimitriu M, Z. Popovici, Silvia Lack - "Arch. de l'Union Méd. Balkanique", 1966, t. IV, nr.4-5, 494-496.
5. Les hémorragies digestives après anastomose porto-cave - E. Papahagi, Z. Popovici- "J. Chir." (Paris), 1971, 102, 3, 227-236.
6. Les lésions traumatiques du diaphragme et leur conséquences (à propos de 181 cas)- Z. Popovici - "J .Chir." (Paris), 1971, 102, 4, 343-360.
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12. Attitude chirurgicale dans les sténoses pré-pyloriques post-caustiques. Antrectomie segmentaire intravasculaire en "Y - V" (considérations sur 80 cas) - Z. Popovici - "Lyon Chir.", 1977, 113, 2, 181-190.
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28. A new conception about esophagocoloplasty (based on 235 operated cases). Z. Popovici. The XVI-th European Federation Congress, International College of Surgeons. President: Prof. Al. Durst and Prof. J.Reynier, Jerusalem, 12-17 november,1989 (Book of Abstracts)
29. Challenging problems in pharyngoplasty (oral presentation associated with a video film). Z.Popovici. The XVI-th European Federation Congress, International College of Surgeons. President: Prof. Al. Durst and Prof. J.Reynier, Jerusalem, 12-17 november,1989 (Book of Abstracts)
30. The colopharyngoplasty in corrosive pharyngolaryngeal strictures (paper associated with a video film) Z. Popovici. Chairman: Prof.R, Stoppa. The II-nd International Biennial of Medical Film, Amiens,

France, FILMED 90, Faculty of Medicine, University of Picardie. President: Prof. M. Laude and Prof. P. Verhaeghe. 12-14 September 1990.

31. Dermatopharyngoplasty with laryngeal preservation in benign stenoses of the pharynx. Z. Popovici. International Festival of Medical Film, VIDEOMED 90, Badajoz, Spain, November 19-24, 1990. Director: Dr. Andrés Bas Santa Cruz.
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33. Total duodenal diversion in gastric surgery. Z. Popovici. International Festival of Medical Film, VIDEOMED 90, Badajoz, Spain, November 19-24, 1990. Director: Dr. Andrés Bas Santa Cruz. Scientific. I made part of the Scientific Committee and was winner of an award.
34. Pectoralis major musculocutaneous flap in the pharyngeal reconstruction. Z. Popovici. International Festival of Medical Film, Mauriac, France, April 12-13, 1991. President: Dr. Renée Le Berre (WHO). I was invited speaker and member of the Scientific Committee.
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37. A new procedure of ileoesophagoplasty - Z. Popovici - OESO World 5th Congress, Paris, September 3 - 7, 1996 (published in Book of abstracts 0213, page 213).
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46. Original procedure of Roux-en-Y reconstruction with duodenal reintegration and gastric reservoir following total and subtotal gastrectomy - Z. Popovici, -International Symposium "Cancers de l'estomac et du cardia", Brest, 13-14 June 1997 (published in extenso in Book of abstracts).
47. Original procedure using the ileum in esophageal reconstruction, Z. Popovici - "Seventh World Congress of International Society for Diseases of the Esophagus (ISDE)", Montreal, September 1-4, 1998 (president - André Duranceau) - poster, *Can J Gastroenterol* Vol 12 Suppl B August 1998, 113 B, 351.
48. Challenging problems in reconstruction of the pharynx with ileum in corrosive strictures (considerations on 58 cases) - Z. Popovici - poster, *Can J Gastroenterol* Vol 12 Suppl B August 1998, 112 B, 349.
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50. Résultats du traitement chirurgical des sténoses caustiques graves pharyngo-oesophagiennes. Intérêt de la reconstruction totale du pharynx par transposition de l'iléon et du côlon. (Considération sur 253 patients opérés) - Z. Popovici, Communication présentée à l'Académie Nationale de Chirurgie de Paris, au cours de la séance du 27 janvier, 1999. (Invité par Jean Moreaux) Travail publié dans *J. Chirurgie (Paris)*, 1998, 123, 552-9
51. Reconstruction for pharyngo-esophageal lesions. Z. Popovici. Esophagus "99". Focus on: Caustic lesions of the foregut. April 21, 1999, Milan, Italy. President: Prof. A. Peracchia.
52. Possibilities and limits of the surgical management on the mouth of esophagus carcinoma. Indications of pharyngolaryngectomy and mediastinal tracheostomy. (71 operated cases). Z. Popovici, lecture at the Symposium of *The carcinoma of the superior digestive tract - esophagus, stomach*. II-nd

Symposium of The Romanian Section of *The International Gastro-Surgical Club*, Bucharest, Romania., 21-22.04. 2000.

53. Surgical repair in hypopharyngeal and cervical esophageal cancer (oral presentation) Z. Popovici. *O.E.S.O. 6th World Congress, 1 - 6 September, 2000*, (president :R. Giuli), Book of abstracts, page 41, O22.
54. Total pharyngolaryngectomy and mediastinal tracheostomy for giant fibroliposarcoma of the neck (video), Z. Popovici. *O.E.S.O. 6th World Congress de 1 - 6 Septembre 2000*, Paris, UNESCO (president R. Giuli), Book of abstracts, page 58, V3. Selected for presentation in the main Auditorium of the UNESCO.
55. Le traitement chirurgical des sténoses gastriques postcaustiques, Z. Popovici, (introduit par J. Moreaux), communication a l'*Académie Nationale de Chirurgie, séance du 17 janvier 2001*, "Les Cordeliers", Paris, pour la réception de *membre associé*.
56. Surgical treatment for carcinoma of the cervical esophagus -indications for mediastinal tracheostomy, Z. Popovici, lecture at the *VIII-th World Congress of ISDE, 5 - 8 september 2001, São Paulo, Brazil*. Published in *Recent Advances in Diseases of Esophagus*, editor H.W. Pinotti, *Monduzzi Editore*, Bologna, 2001, page 563 - 567.
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59. Transoral esophagectomy and total gastrectomy for panmural corrosive necrosis (video), Z. Popovici. *VIII-th World Congress of ISDE, 5 - 8 september 2001, São Paulo Brazil*, Book of abstracts (143).
60. A new conception in colo-esophagoplasty (considerations on 329 de operated cases) Z. Popovici-*Chirurgia* (Bucharest) 2002; 97: 523 - 528.
61. A new philosophy in oesophageal reconstruction with colon-thirty year experience (347 operated patients) Z. Popovici-*Diseases of the Esophagus*, Blackwell Publishing Asia Ltd 2003; 16: 323-7.
62. A new approach on esophageal grafting with colon" (353 operated patients). Z. Popovici *Journal of Japan Surgical Association* (Tokyo), 2003, 15: 219
63. Repeat esophagoplasty for benign strictures : long term results (20 cases). Z. Popovici., oral presentation at *IXth World Congress of International Society for Diseases of the Esophagus (ISDE)*, 27-29 May 2004, Madrid. Book of abstracts. (to be published *in extenso*).
64. Right ileo-cecal colonic plasty as an esophageal conduit". Z. Popovici, lecture (selected oral presentation) as invited speaker in the Plenary Session at *the IXth World Congress of International Society for Diseases of the Esophagus (ISDE)*, 27-29 May 2004, Madrid. (selected to be published *in extenso*). Symposium on "Selection and placement of esophageal conduits"
65. Kymography of the diaphragm in evaluation of the functional activity in phrenic injuries (to be published).
66. Cinefluoroscopy in colic function after esophagocoloplasty (to be published)
67. Rabdomyoma of the pharynx (to be published)
68. Hodgkin of the esophagus (to be published)

INTERNATIONAL CONGRESSES

1. "**XX^e Congrès de la Soc.Int.Chir. (S.I.C.)**", Rome, 14 - 21.09.1963
2. "**VIII^{ème} Semaine Médicale Balkanique**", Athènes-Kos, 2-10 october 1966.
3. "**XXII^e Congrès de la Société Internationale de Chirurgie (S.I.C.)**" with the theme: Surgery of the gastro - duodenal ulcer, Vienna, 2 - 9.09.1967
4. "**XXV^e Congrès de la Société Internationale de Chirurgie (S.I.C.)** ", Barcelonne, 22-27.09.1973
5. "**XIII^{ème} Semaine Médicale Balkanique**", **Congrès interbalkanique des sciences fondamentales et recherche**, Istanbul, 12 - 17.09.1976
6. "**IInd International Congress of the International Society for Diseases of the Esophagus (I.S.D.E.)**" Rome, 3 - 6.10.1983. President Prof. Komei Nakayama, vice-president Prof. Guido Castrini.
7. "**IXth World Congress of the Collegium Internationale Chirurgiae Digestivae (C.I.C.D.)**", Jerusalem, 31.08 - 5.09.1986
8. "**XXXInd World Congress of the International Society of Surgery**", "**International Surgical Week**", Sydney, 20 - 26.09.1987
9. "**XVIth European Federation Congress**", "**International College of Surgeons**", Jerusalem, 12 - 17.11.1989

10. **"II^{ème} Biennale Internationale du Film Médical d'Amiens, FILMED'90"**, Amiens, 12 - 14.09.1990
11. **"XCII^e Congrès Français de Chirurgie"** Paris, 1-4.10.1990
12. **"I^{er} Congrès Européen de Chirurgie, EUROCHIRURGIE'90"**, Paris, 1-4.10.1990
13. **"VI-a Certamen Internacional de Videocine Médico, VIDEOMED'90"**, Badajoz, España, 19 - 24.11.1990. Chairman, visiting professor. Member of the scientific Committee. Award.
14. **"III-ème Festival International du Film Médical de Mauriac"**, Mauriac, France, 12 - 13.04.1991. Visiting professor. Member of the Scientific Committee.
15. **International Congress of Esophageal Surgery, "Oesophage"**, Brest, 11 - 12.06.1993. Invited guest.
16. **Surgical Workshop for Laparoscopic Surgery and Autosuture**, Constanța- Limoges (France), 8-10.07.1993.
17. **Rumänisch-deutsches Symposium für Obstetrik und Gynäkologie**, 2 - 4 June 1994, Sibiu-Siegen (Germany).
18. **Overseas Scientific Meeting of the "Association of Surgeons of Great Britain & Ireland"**, 21.09.1995, Sibiu. President Sir Prof. Miles Irwing, and Prof. Z. Popovici
19. **Conseil des Recteurs Européens (CRE) 46th Bi - Annual Conference**, University of Santiago de Compostela, Spain, 23 - 24 May 1996.
20. **11th Surgery for Trauma Day**, Uniformed Services University of Health Sciences, F. Edward Hébert School of Medicine, Bethesda, USA, 22 August 1996. Visiting professor, invited guest.
21. **5th Polydisciplinary World Congress**, OESO - Organisation Internationale d'Etudes Statistiques pour les maladies de l'Oesophage. "The esophagogastric Junction". Paris, France, September 3 - 7 1996. UNESCO. Invited speaker
22. **"1st International Meeting of Emergency Surgery"**, Belgrade, Yugoslavia, 25th - 28th September 1996. Invited speaker
23. **"Seventh World Congress of International Society for Diseases of the Esophagus (ISDE)"**, Montreal, **september 1-4, 1998 (president-André Duranceau)** Invited guest.
24. **Esophagus '99. ISDE Italian Chapter**. Focus on: "Barrett's esophagus. Caustic lesions of the foregut." President: Prof. A. Peracchia University of Milan, School of Medicine, Ospedale Maggiore Policlinico. Milan, Italy, April 21, 1999. Invited speaker.
25. **Congrès "Cancers de l'Estomac et du Cardia"**. Brest, Le Quartz, 13-14 juin 1997. Chairman. Invited speaker.
26. **World 6-th Congress of OESO** (Organisation internationale d'Etudes Statistiques pour les maladies de l'Oesophage). "Barrett Esophagus". U.N.E.S.C.O. Headquarters. September 1-6, 2000, Paris. Visiting professor.
27. **Congrès "Tractus Digestif Supérieur"**, Le Quartz, Brest, 8-9 juin 2001
28. **Esophagus 2001 VIII -th World Congress of ISDE** - São Paulo - Brazil, September 5-8. Member of the Congress International Consulting Board. Chairman. Member of Scientific Committee.
29. **"The 65th Annual Japanese Congress of Surgery"**, Fukuoka, Japan, 13th-15th November 2003. Lecture : "A new philosophy in esophageal reconstruction with colon". Journal of Japan Surgical Association (Tokyo), 2003, 15: 64, 219, Invited speaker.
30. **The "IX-th World Congress of International Society for Diseases of the Esophagus (ISDE)"**. What's new in pathophysiology, diagnosis and treatment. Madrid, 27-29 May 2004. Oral presentation : "Repeat esophagoplasty for benign strictures-long term results (20 reoperated patients)." Z. Popovici. Book of abstracts. Lecture (selected oral presentation) in Plenary Session as invited speaker: "Right ileo-cecal colonic plasty as an esophageal conduit"(chapter in a book to be published). ISDE Committee member, national representative, and chairman to the session "Esophageal, gastric and EGJ tumors (V. ISDE Committee member, national representative, and chairman to the session "Esophageal, gastric and EGJ tumors (V)".
31. **Colloque Chirurgie Digestive. "Acquisitions recentes et perspectives."** Organisateur: Prof. Losac'h P. President: Prof Meyer. Invited guest and chairman at the session "Esophagus." Brest, 11-12 juin 2004. Centre Hospitalier Universitaire. Hôpital de la Cavale Blanche. Service de Chirurgie Générale.

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