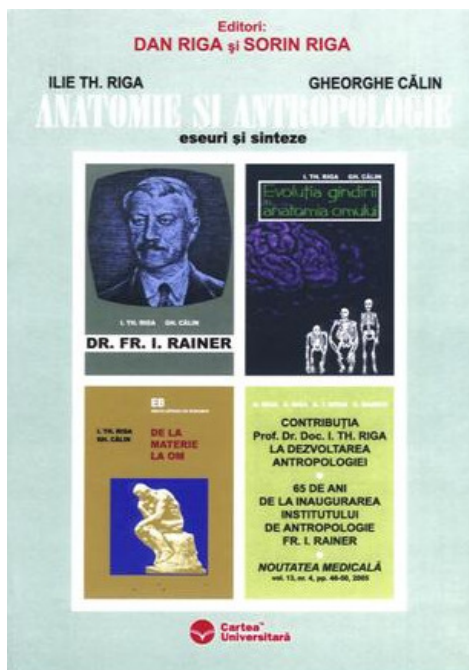


## New medical books

### ANATOMIE ȘI ANTROPOLOGIE ESEURI ȘI SINTEZE

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The volume (848 pp. + XIV pp.) – through its theme and novel structure – is a first in Romanian science and bio-medicine, in anatomy and anthropology.

The two sons of Prof. I. Th. Riga: Dan and Sorin Riga (twin brothers) wrote the *Editors' Word* (pp. VII-IX), while Mircea Ifrim: student, disciple, collaborator and, in his turn, School founder, wrote the *Preface* (pp. XI-XIV). All are Profs., Drs. HC and members of the Academy of Romanian Scientists.

In chronological, complementary and integrative order will then follow the reprinting of 3 exceptional monographs in the area, sold out immediately after their

release back in the day:

- *Dr. Francisc I. Rainer*, Ed. Științifică, Bucharest, 1966 - pp. 1-200;
- *Evoluția gândirii în anatomia omului (Evolution of thought in human anatomy)*, Ed. Științifică, Bucharest, 1970 - pp. 201-544;
- *De la materie la om (From matter to human being)*, Ed. Științifică și Enciclopedică, Bucharest, 1977 - pp. 545-839.

The volume ends (pp. 841-848) with the paper of editors Dan Riga and Sorin Riga: *Contribution of Prof. Dr. Doc. I. Th. Riga to the development of*

*anthropology*, published at the *Anniversary Symposium 65 years since the inauguration of the Francisc Iosif Rainer Anthropology Institute (1940-2005)* and in *Noutatea Medicală (Medical Novelties)*, vol. 13, no. 4, pp. 46-50, 2005.

The monograph **Dr. Francisc I. Rainer** combines the *history of medicine* dimension, the *master's personality and scientific work* with the scientific progress registered by Romania through the establishment of the *School of anatomy* and the creation of *Romanian anthropology*.

The book *Evoluția gândirii în anatomia omului (Evolution of thought in human anatomy)* embodies the culture, experience and work of Prof. Dr. I. Th. Riga, in an encyclopaedic, dynamic and integrative vision, from beginning to contemporary times, on an international level and in Romania. From cell to evolution, phylogenesis and ontogenesis, biology, embryology and anatomy, followed by anatomic systems and functional anatomy and ending with anthropotomy, anthropomorphoses and encephalization, cerebralisation, humanisation are substantiated.

The monograph *De la materie la om (From matter to human being)* achieves a causative - evolutionary - holistic vision and substantiation, from pre-living matter to living one, the animal world, primates and in the end man, applied from molecule – cell – tissue to organ, system, apparatus and ending with the nervous system and human consciousness.

Editors Dan and Sorin Riga elaborated in 2008 this *tribute (macro)volume*, 100 years after the birth of Prof. Dr. Doc. Ilie Th. Riga (1908-1977), as a Romanian scientific and cultural restitution. The volume subscribes to the credo on permanence, established by our forefathers: *A nation without history is dead*, Acad. George Barițiu (1812-1893) – politician, historian and founder of the Romanian Academy.

That is why, the *Editors' Word* states that: *the 3 (three) anatomy - anthropology monographs are a one-of-a-kind first in the area, and through originality, value and vision they are a "milestone" in the history of Romanian medicine and science, an inter- and pluri-disciplinary interface in anatomy and anthropology, in biology and evolutionism, in the philosophy of science and culture.*

From the *Preface* of Acad. Prof. Dr HC Mircea Ifrim we highlight: *Above all else, Prof. Dr. Doc. ILIE TH. RIGA was a Man in the true sense of the word,*

*as it is illustrated in the famous poem by Rudyard Kipling (1865-1936), Nobel Prize for Literature (1907) entitled “If...”. It is for this reason that I would say that Prof. Dr. Doc. I. Th. Riga has dedicated his life to a work, and has given life to his work, the work being the human condition itself, as generosity, mastery and honesty.*

*In the spirit of the culture of national scientific patrimony, the Academy of Romanian Scientists and the Academy of Medical Sciences will hold in 2013 the Jubilee Symposium 105 years since the birth of Prof. Dr. Doc. Ilie Th. Riga (1908-1977) – a prominent figure in Romanian science and medicine.*

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