

This year we celebrate 95 years since the birth of Professor Raul Mihail and commemorate 30 years after his passing away. Organization of the “Raul Mihail Symposium” inside RICCE 2015 aims to remind, to the whole scientific community, an exceptional personality for both education and scientific research in Chemical Engineering, with major contributions to the development of Chemical Reactors discipline in Romania.

Professor Mihail was part of the interwar generation school, which has followed an extremely rigorous education system, based on the spirit of scholarship, professional exigency principles, and respecting true values, a generation that gave prestigious professors in all fields. Although during his high education years the World War II took place, despite the specific social confusions of that period, he managed to build himself a strong scientific background, coupled with a vast general knowledge, planted on a healthy education and exceptional personal qualities.

He was not only a great teacher but also a recognized and appreciated specialist in both research and development of chemical processes, having permanent and successful collaborations with research, engineering and design institutes, as well as productive units of that period.

A visionary spirit, always updated with the research progress in the field, he was among the first to recognize the importance of mathematical modeling, optimization and information technology in the development and operation of chemical processes, as well as the study of biological and biochemical processes by using the classical tools of chemical engineering.

By evoking the personality of Professor Raul Mihail and other prestigious teachers of our school of chemistry and chemical engineering, in addition of paying the tribute for what we inherited from them, for the current generations of teachers and students there are given professional models of academic behavior, indispensable for the performance in higher education domain.