

THOUGHTS FROM THE PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE



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There are 65 years since the University of Petroșani was founded, representing an important moment in the development of the mining high education in our country.

The following years imposed relevant structural transformations aiming to uprise the entire high education activity to the development requirements in Romania.

Therefore the following areas were improved: teaching plans and schedules, analytical programs, the founding of the first research labs with devices and machines.

As a result, the institute continuously improved, obtaining valuable performances both in engineering education and in the creative research activities.

The complete confidence in its capacity to train the specialists needed in the mining industry, main branch of the uprising economy, and the results obtained in the scientific and research domain lead in 1957 to concentrating the entire mining high education to Petroșani, which remained the only technical high education institute in Romania.



As a person who had the honor and task to meet the problems from the high education structure, I was glad to work along people with high moral, teaching and managing qualities. I am sad to see that most of them are no longer among us. They cannot be present to this ceremony of 65 years since the University of Petroșani was founded. However, their achievements will make them live forever in our hearts.

The scientific and research activities of these specialists succeeded in developing the first romanian mining manuals, but also there were created some very valuable articles published in scientific magazines abroad. The consolidation of the equipments used, the contacts with same profile institutions abroad and the annual scientific conferences made the Petroșani Mining Institute a solid and important center in Romania and worldwide.

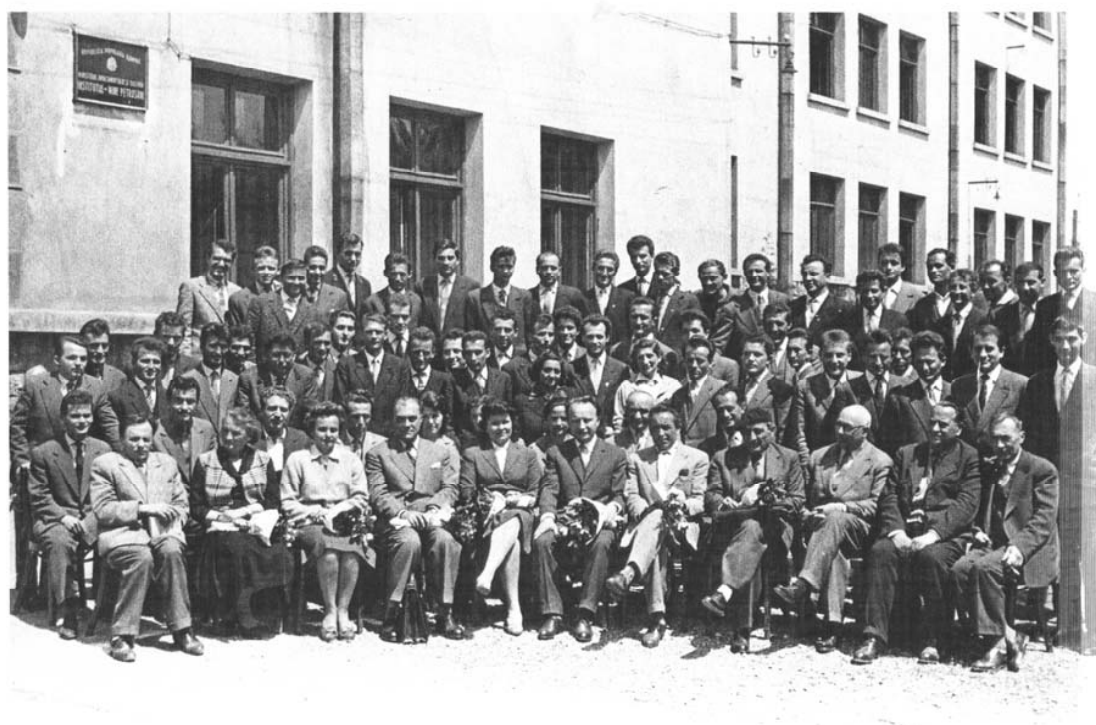
As a result of the prestige and of the worldwide activity, the Petroșani Mining Institute was chosen as permanent member in the International Organizing Committee of the Mining Congresses and was picked to host the 7th World Mining Congress in Romania. We mention that the Petroșani Mining Institute participated with scientific papers to all mining congresses and were also in the scientific boards of various sections.

Despite all mentioned above, I noticed that in the past 20 years there was a regression in mining in Romania. The lack of investments in this economic branch was reflected in the mining development and therefore the youngsters no longer look to get the qualification of mining engineers.

However, I realize that lately, the government leaders take into consideration the importance of capitalization of the natural resources in Romania which can only benefit to the development of the economy and of the mining high education.

I am glad to see that despite all the above difficulties the Petroșani Mining Institute increased the number of faculties, becoming the University of Petroșani. This decision will make the teachers more focused to their noble mission in this high education institution.

With these past and future thoughts, together with the event given by the 65 years of creative education in mining, I send my greetings to the University of Petroșani wishing to forever last and improve.



Graduates from the Institute of Mining, 1960