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The Institute of Political Sciences and International Relations “Ion I. C. Brătianu” of the Romanian Academy grieves the discrete passing away of the eminent Researcher and University Professor **ION BULEI**, reputed historian and hermeneutist of the Romanian modern and contemporary phenomenon.

**ION BULEI** has been the third Director of our Institute (2006-2011) and His memory shall be forever honoured by the researchers of the Institute of Political Sciences and International Relations.

Creator of a sound scientific career, Professor and Researcher **ION BULEI** has been instituting in the academic world after December 1989 an authentic model of exigency and performance, launching paideutically generations after generations of researchers, students, as well as Master and PhD students toward knowledge, self-knowledge and the in-depth study of History.

As an esteemed Professor of the Faculty of History of the University of Bucharest for three decades (1992-2020), Head of the Department of the Romanian

History (2004-2008) at the faculty, director of the Institute of Political Sciences and International Relations of the Romanian Academy (2003-2011), **ION BULEI** delivered speeches and courses, this way contributing to academically set Romanian modernity on its due course.

As a cultural diplomat in Rome (1990-1993) and Director of the Romanian Institute of Culture in Venice (1997-2003) he has reinstated the highly appreciated behaviour of Interwar model, position in which he has been involved in re-establishing on performance coordinates both “Nicolae Iorga” and “Vasile Pârvan” scholarship systems. This may have probably constituted the first value breach toward the West, as the scholarships awardees from the field of humanities brought along with their projects a model to be followed in order to validate the Romanian aspiration toward the European Community.

Especially notable are His works having as object and subject modern Romanian History, reinstated in the rights to universality and European dignity, His works being recognized and appreciated through academic prizes and distinctions.

Along with His entering in the heavenly libraries to research the angelic face of History, our labs and amphitheatres remain deprived of the warm presence of the Professor and Researcher **ION BULEI!**