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**DANIEL MARECI**

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On 8<sup>th</sup> January 2017, aged only 47 years, our dear colleague from “Gheorghe Asachi” Technical University of Iași, Associate Professor Ph. D. Daniel Mareci, left us.

Associate Professor Daniel Mareci was born on 3<sup>rd</sup> July, 1969 in Lupeni, Hunedoara County and in 1996 he has graduated Faculty of Industrial Chemistry, specialty Inorganic Substances Technology.

In 1998 he became tutor in the Physical Chemistry Department, in 2001 he became assistant professor then in 2006 he became lecturer and associate professor in 2012, building an outstanding academic career.

Proving a remarkable vocation for study and research in 2004 he became Ph. D. in Chemistry with thesis entitled “Electrochemical behavior of some biocompatible materials”.

As a valuable member of the teachers in the Chemical Engineering Department, he contributed to the education of 20 generations of students in Physical Chemistry and Electrochemistry areas. His door was always open for consultations and advice for many students and colleagues.

Since he was a brilliant researcher, especially in the field of electrochemistry and corrosion, Associate Professor Daniel Mareci was invited

by two prestigious universities from Spain, “Universidad de Las Palmas de Gran Canaria” and “Universidad de la Laguna”, Tenerife as a visiting professor.

Working with talent and devotion, he has published 10 specialized books and 148 scientific articles (of which 108 in journals with ISI factor). International impact of his scientific articles is reflected by the high value 17 of Hirsch index, acquired throughout his scientific career.

In last years, his research has focused on accelerated corrosion of biocompatible materials, masterfully using latest techniques such as Electrochemical Impedance Spectroscopy, Energy Dispersive Spectroscopy and X-ray Photoelectron Spectroscopy, which attracted international recognition. He had big plans but death was relentless with him.

Daniel left this world prematurely, unexpected and undeservedly. He left a huge void in our academic community which will hardly be filled. Rest in peace our dear colleague and your memory will be eternal among graduates and colleagues!

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