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Each profession has its predecessors who, different in genius, united by common ideals, contributed to its establishment, development and consolidation. Strong personalities like George Bogdan, Gr. T. Popa, M. Kernbach and more recently M. Dressler, Gh. Scripcaru, D. Dermengiu, Vladimir Belis, carried legal medicine on their shoulders, without letting themselves being bent by its weight. Even if we lost some of them (for example, George Bogdan fell ill with pneumonia and died while going to the field for an expert examination), those who are truly passionate about the profession consider this sacrifice as part of the everyday, part of the mission that fate gives us all to undertake in the short journey of life.

The approach to writing this treatise started from the conviction that a profession of faith obliges us to report on how we took over, developed and passed on the discipline of forensic medicine to our descendants as a legacy.

The essence of our professional lives unfolds axiologically around the concepts of “to know”, “to know how to do” and especially “to know how to be”.

All of us who have summarized our professional experience of a lifetime in this treatise believe that we must not be only “spreaders of other people’s science” (as Gr.T. Popa said), and for these reasons we have inserted the imaging taken from our own activity and the implications regarding professional responsibility, determinants in medical practice and, implicitly, in forensic medicine.

Any writing has the audience that its authors deserve so that, in addition to the content, the treatise that we propose to you offers a model of professional discipline and, perhaps, a model of life.

The “dinosaurs” of forensic medicine, as Prof. Bernard Knight said, have the obligation to pass on their thoughts and experience to their descendants.

Even if there are voices that believe that modern forensic medicine has become a discipline taken over by laboratories, we wanted this treatise to prove that clinical forensic medicine is indispensable to a medico-legal verdict as close to reality as possible. Moreover, during the last half century, the scientific activity of medico-legal research was considered vital for the progress of this specialty. Hence, we consider that this new forensic study will become a “bridge” between the past and the present, between those who were and those who will be, between the present and the future. This is a desired goal that should be achieved regardless of the political-economic contexts, even if the current society, with all its discrepancies, can raise obstacles in this sense.

Even if sometimes there was an asymmetry between the world of the forefathers and the present world, we are convinced that this treaty will reinstate the cult for the integration of clinical medicine in scientific research, for the removal of past negative effects, in order to be able to continue to rise to the height of the forefathers, of those who wrote the history in legal medicine, to redeem their work through the cone of light they left us as a legacy.

Our message is equally addressed to those who will follow us, to guide them without reservations in the adventure of knowledge, so that their work, free of discrimination, becomes a constant and natural source of the renewal of the specialty of forensic medicine.

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