

## **FOREWORD**

This year INCAS celebrates its 40th anniversary as a newly recognized institution with a generous status - National Institute for Aerospace Research.

At the same time, we have the pleasure to celebrate the personality of Elie Carafoli, the founder of the school of aeronautical sciences in Romania and also founder of our institution. INCAS carries the tradition of a long chain of research establishments for aeronautical sciences and bears the name of Elie Carafoli.

At this particular moment we had the honor and pleasure to welcome Mrs. Eliane Carafoli, the scientist's wife, who joined us for a beautiful ceremony. It was our aim to enable Elie Carafoli's former colleagues, members of the Romanian Academy of Sciences, scientists from INCAS that worked with the master, former PhD students, members of the University Politehnica of Bucharest, to present their homage to the founder of the aeronautical school in Romania. This was also a moment of interesting debates concerning the role of the personalities in our society and their impact on the future of our institution.

As part of this bulletin, we present most of the ideas and contributions dedicated to the master. Here we would like to thank all contributors and we welcome more information related to the outstanding contributions of Elie Carafoli during his activity in our institution.

INCAS will continue to pay tribute to outstanding personalities who have brought us both fame and a privileged position among the European national research establishments. It is our duty to continue a glorious and beautiful tradition, together with younger generations and in a brand new collaborative environment.

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