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BOOK REVIEW

DRAGASTAN, O. (ed.): The First Romanian National Symposium on Palaeontology, Bucharest 1997.- Acta Palaeontologica Romaniae, 1, 1-277, 69 pl., Bucharest.

The First Romanian National Symposium on Palaeontology was held on October 17-18, 1997 at the Faculty of Geology and Geophysics, University of Bucharest.

The Symposium was organised by the University of Bucharest, the Romanian Academy and the Society of Romanian Palaeontologists, with participation of the Universities of Sassy and Cluj, the Geological Survey of Romania and the Institute of Speleology.

The meeting was dedicated to the 65th anniversary of the very well known palaeontologist Professor Theodor Neagu.

The papers of the symposium have been published as a first volume of the journal entitled Acta Palaeontologica Romaniae. One paper is dedicated to the life, teaching and scientific work of Prof. T. Neagu. The topics of the others 37 papers cover the results of important

fields of research regarding the geology of Romania, and the use of palaeontology in solving practical problems concerning the oil, gas and coal industries. These papers present new data on Romanian palaeontology, including invertebrate and vertebrate palaeontology, micropalaeontology, palaeobotany and palynology, palaeoecology, biostratigraphy, taphonomy and trace fossils. At the end of this issue there are 69 plates with macro and microphotographs of fossils, some of them made by scanning electronic microscope (SEM).

We can recommend this publication to all who are interested in the afore-mentioned subjects. At the same time, we take this opportunity to inform readers that the next symposium will be held at the University of Cluj on October 10-15, 1999.

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