

Surgeon of the year 2012

“I believe that for every patient the surgeon of the year is the surgeon who operates him/her”.



The motto is quoted from Prof. Dr. Ioan Stefan Florian's speech, when the Distinction of “Surgeon of the Year 2012” was handed over to him at the Healthcare Gala (Gala Sanătății), event organized at the House of Parliament in Bucharest, on the 5th of December, 2012.

Prof. Dr. Ioan Stefan Florian, president of the Senate of the University of Medicine and Pharmacy “Iuliu Hatieganu” Cluj-Napoca since 2011, former president of the Romanian Society of Neurosurgery in the period of 2010-2012, in the present past-president of it, member of the Executive Board of the Society, received the Distinction of “Surgeon of the Year 2012”.

Nominated and elected from all Romanian surgeons, this distinction is to

confirm his professional value and results.

With an impressive surgical experience numbering more than 10.000 surgeries, among which 3012 brain lesions operated within the last 12 months, one of the most numerous series of brain stem lesions, intramedullary tumors, AVM's, and more than 700 aneurysms operated along his career, he is the neurosurgeon who first introduced in Romania the “single stage single opening” technique in the surgical treatment of multiple aneurysms, the first reported direct approach on a brain stem tumor, the translabyrinthine approach for acoustic neurinoma together with Prof. Dr. Silviu Albu (E.N.T. Department), the endoscopic – endonasal approach for pituitary adenomas, and pioneered many other surgical approaches in brain and spinal surgery.

As recognition of his didactic activity and purely based on the appreciation of students, he was elected Professor Bologna in 2010 by the students of the University of Medicine and Pharmacy “Iuliu Hatieganu” Cluj-Napoca.

Prof. Dr. Ioan Stefan Florian participated at many national and international scientific events, giving lectures.

In 2011 he was invited to sustain a presentation within the section Video with Masters at the 14th WFNS Interim Meeting & 15th Brazilian Society of Neurosurgery Congress of Continuous Education, in Recife, Brazil.

Later, in 2012 he was invited to give a lecture at the 9th Asian Congress of Neurological Surgeons, within the section entitled “Best Oral Presentations” held in Istanbul, Turkey.

Among the awards received by him just a few are mentioned, such as the Distinction of the Sanitary Order in grade of Commander accorded to civil citizens by Ion Iliescu, President of Romania in 2004; “Prof. Dr. Ion Chiricuta” Award in 2007, the award of the Faculty of Medicine of UMF “Iuliu Hatieganu” Cluj-Napoca for surgical specialities.

Prof. Dr. Ioan Stefan Florian is member of many national and international societies,

being the General Secretary of Euroacademia Multidisciplinaria Neurotraumatologica (EMN), individual member of the European Association of Neurosurgical Societies (EANS), individual member of the Congress of Neurological Surgeons (CNS), and also the Romanian Ambassador to the Dandy Assembly together with Prof. Dr. A.V. Ciurea.

“LABOR OMNIA VINCIT IMPROBUS” as written on the logo of the Department of Neurosurgery from Cluj-Napoca and it is one of the principles that Prof. Dr. Ioan Stefan Florian and the department he runs, respect and apply.