



**In Memoriam Professor Petre T. Frangopol, Ph.D.
Honor Member of the Romanian Academy
1933-2020**

It is my great pleasure to see this special issue dedicated to the memory of Professor Ph.D., Petre Frangopol!

Petre Frangopol was a top Romanian scientist, a member of the Romanian Academy, who, during his rich and productive scientific career, was also associated to our university.

I met him in 2005, when I was the personal adviser for research of the minister for education and research, as a partner/consultant in the research/education reform we started then. He was among the (few) scientists who supported the excellence, as the main framework of the 2005 reform. Then, we together initiated “the Presidential Commission” – around the cabinet of the President of Romania –, which assessed the Romanian education-research system and then proposed a new strategy in education/research, on which the new law of education was built in 2011. After that, we together initiated and created in 2013 the G3A (Analysis/Attitude/Action), a Think Tank continuing the analysis and the monitoring of 2005/2011 reforms and beyond them; the G3A Think Tank produced several influential reports during the years.

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In the process, we started to also collaborate scientifically and we even published some works together, relating policy of science and/or scientometrics (e.g., David & Frangopol, 2015, in “Scientometrics”: The lost paradise, the original sin, and the Dodo bird: A scientometrics Sapere Aude manifesto as a reply to the Leiden manifesto on scientometrics; DOI:10.1007/s11192-015-1634-2).

In the end, despite the age difference, we became close friends, so his death was not only a professional lost for me and the Romanian academic community, but also a personal one for me!

Thank you, dear colleague and friend, for everything! Your life was inspirational for many of us and you created things, which remains and positively impact many!

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