



Professor Dr. Habil. Costel Sârbu is one of the pioneers of Chemometrics in Romania. He was born on January 12 1951 in Giurgiuța, Dolj county Romania. He obtained his B.S. degree in 1975 from Babeș-Bolyai University in Cluj-Napoca, followed by his MSc degree in 1976 from the same university. In 1987, he gained the PhD in chemistry with the thesis entitled “Applications of Information Theory in Chromatography with Fluorescence Detection” elaborated under the scientific supervision of illustrious Professor Candin Liteanu. After a short period of engagement in the industry and research, in 1980 he began his academic career as Assistant Professor at Polytechnic Institute Cluj-Napoca. Since 1990 he continued the academic career as Lecturer (1990-1994), Associate Professor (1994-2014) and full Professor (2014-2016) at Babeș-Bolyai University Cluj-Napoca, Faculty of Chemistry and Chemical Engineering. After his retirement in 2016, he was honoured with a Professor Emeritus position.

Professor Sârbu has devoted himself to studying the field of analytical chemistry and chemometrics. He approached a wide variety of fundamental and topical research interests including new applications of chemometric methods in the lipophilicity evaluation, fingerprinting analysis and development of structure-property-activity relationships (QSAR/QSPR/QSRR). Professor Sârbu gained an important international visibility reflected by a Hirsch index 22 founded on scientific papers published in international journals available via ISI Web of Knowledge which gathered more than 1730 citations.

Other publications included monographies and books or book chapters edited by romanian and international specialized publishers. He is the owner of intellectual property rights for 15 patents and he was the scientific coordinator of several national and international projects. His contributions in to the scientific research were rewarded with special honors such as: *Romanian Academy Prize "Nicolae Teclu"* for the papers published in 2008 in the field of Chemometrics and *Special Prize of Patriciu Foundation* for research activity during 2010-2011.

During his scientific activity Professor Sârbu served as editorial member of several international journals and he became a member of prestigious scientific societies including AOAC International, American Chemical Society, Applied Spectroscopy Society and Romanian Society of Chemistry.

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In the name of the coworkers,  
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