

## *A word from our Editor-in-Chief*

### *"Lucian Blaga" University of Sibiu on the front page in the field of inventions in the spring of 2022*

“Lucian Blaga” University of Sibiu was present between 26th to 28th of May 2022 at EUROINVENT 2022, the 14th International Invention Exhibition in Iași and the 8th edition of the ICIR EUROINVENT 2022 International Conference, events held at the Palace of Culture in Iasi. The year 2022 brought an undeniable added value to the international innovations presented in the invention and technology transfer field.

Specialists say that the EUROINVENT International Invention Exhibition in Iasi is currently the largest in Southeast Europe. In 2022, many foreign delegations from several continents participated physically. More than 500 inventions were presented, student projects, on a surface worthy of envy but especially in a unique location from absolutely all points of view.

ULBS presented at EUROINVENT a number of five inventions and five student research projects carried out by Ist, IIIrd and IVth year students of the Faculty of Engineering from the TCM, Mechatronics and Computers specializations. The participants were companies, universities, research institutes, state and private organizations and individuals. The 10 “applied research” were selected by the International Jury to be presented in the competition on May 26th and 27th. I had the joy of being with the university students who carried out the entire scientific research process to present in front of the International Jury the ideas materialized practically in the laboratories of the Sibiu University. The show had several visitors that exceeded expectations.

I went to Iasi with 11 students and a PhD student and had the opportunity to enter the competition as a Representative of the "Lucian Blaga" University of Sibiu. After evaluation, the International Jury validated following the scores obtained and awarded the following recognitions for the five inventions and five student research projects entered in the competition: three gold medals, three silver medals, four bronze medals, WIPA Taiwan Special Award, Special Award of the University of Malaysia Perlis, Special Award of the Technical University of Cluj Napoca, Special Award of the Polytechnic University of Bucharest, Special Award of the State Pedagogical University Ion Creanga of Chisinau, Special Award of the University of Craiova. The big surprise came when the president of the international jury, a university professor from another continent, extraordinarily tenacious and correct, validated and offered to the University of Sibiu a prize desired by any participant, namely the "Special Prize of the EUROINVENT - PERFORMANCE IN EDUCATION AND RESEARCH AWARD”.

I want to say that there were three days when there were no barriers, like in the COVID period, 2020-2022. There were three days in which I met old and dear friends, whom each came with the desire to support their organization they come from, the

country and city they come from; there were three days of 9 hours a day in which some of us became wiser.

Also, this year, in May in Iasi, we were surrounded by people who appreciate us for what we are and do. Behind such international recognition is a lot of intellectual and physical work that is not always aware of by those around. The number of days and nights required to bring a patented invention as a functional prototype to humanity is impressive, but it is the result of boundless passion and hope that small steps could change the world for the better.

All the inventors from the "Lucian Blaga" University of Sibiu strive to promote the image of the invention school in Sibiu in the country and abroad. We were on the podium of the laureates. We brought home the special merits entirely due to our Sibiu school, promoting a highly elevated image of the "Lucian Blaga" University of Sibiu in the world!

The only way you can do great things is to love what you do.

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