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TRADITIONS WITHOUT FRONTIERS-JOURNEY AROUND REGIONAL CULTURES

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ROMANIA

Romania is a sovereign state in the Southeast of Europe.

- It borders the Black Sea, Bulgaria, Ukraine, Hungary, Serbia and Moldova.
- It has the area 235,397 square kilometers and a temperate – continental climate.
- With almost 20 million inhabitants, the country is the 7th most populous member in the European Union.
- Its capital and largest city Bucharest, is the 6th largest city in the European Union.
- It has been a member of NATO since 2004 and part of the European Union since 2007.
- Romanians celebrate the National day on the 1st December

THE CULTURE OF ROMANIA IS A UNIQUE CULTURE, WHICH IS THE PRODUCT OF ITS GEOGRAPHY AND **ITS DISTINCT HISTORICAL EVOLUTION. IT IS THEORIZED AND** SPECULATED THAT ROMANIANS **ARE THE COMBINATION OF DESCENDANTS OF ROMAN COLONISTS AND PEOPLE INDIGENOUS TO THE REGION WHO** WERE ROMANIZED. THE DACLAN PEOPLE, ONE OF THE **MAJOR INDIGENOUS PEOPLES OF CENTRAL AND SOUTHEAST EUROPE ARE ONE OF THE** PREDECESSORS OF THE PROTO-ROMANIANS. IT IS BELIEVED THAT THE BYZANTINE EMPIRE; FROM A MIXTURE OF ROMANS,

DACIANS, SLAVS AND ILLYRIANS **ARE THE PREDECESSORS OF THE** SHARES SOME SIMILARITIES AS WELL WITH OTHER ANCIENT **CULTURES EVEN OUTSIDE OF** THE BALKANS, SUCH AS THAT OF THE ARMENIANS. DURING LATE ANTIQUITY AND MIDDLE AGES, THE MAJOR INFLUENCES CAME FROM THE SLAVIC PEOPLES WHO

MIGRATED AND SETTLED SOUTH OF THE DANUBE: FROM MEDIEVAL GREEKS AND THE HUNGARLANS; FROM

THE GERMANS, **ESPECIALLY SAXON SETTLERS IN** ROMANIANS. ROMANIAN CULTURE TRANSYLVANIA AS WELL AS FROM SEVERAL OTHER NEIGHBORING **PEOPLES. MODERN ROMANIAN** CULTURE EMERGED AND **DEVELOPED WITH MANY OTHER** INFLUENCES AS WELL, PARTIALLY THAT OF CENTRAL AND WESTERN EUROPE.

TRADITIONAL FOOD



AFTER BEEING SOLTED, SHREDDED AND KNEADED THE CHEESE IS PRESSED IN A FIR-BARK CYLINDER AND AGED FOR THREE MONTHS BEFORE CONSUMING

CHEESE IN FIR TREE BARK



 THEY ARE SERVED AT ALL FAMILY AND GUESTS GATHERINGS, ESPECIALLY GUESTS MASS
 TRADITIONAL CABBAGE ROLLS
 TRADITIONAL CABBAGE ROLLS SARMALE- ARE MADE WITH PORK, BEEF AND GABBAGE STUFFED WITH PORK, BEEF AND A BIT OF BACON * IT IS PRESENT IN MANY CULTURES OF THE WORLD WITH DEEP ROOTS INTO THE PAST

COZONIAC * NOAWADAYS IT IS MOSTLY PREPARED IN SOUTHEASTER EUROPE

* SWEET LEA VENED BREAD, IS USUALLY PREPARED FOR

EASTER AND CHRISTMAS

* TRADITIONALLY SHEPHERD'S FOOD, BULZ HAS BECOME A POPULAR DISH THAT IS SERVED IN MOST RESTAURANTS.

BULZ

* TO MAKE IT, YOU HAVE TO MAKE POLENTA BALLS STUFFED WITH CHEESE, SMOKED BEACON AND SAUSAGES.

> THIS BALLS ARE THEN GRILLED ON HOT CHARCOAL



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MITITEI IS & TRADITIONAL DISH OF GRILLED
GROUND MEET ROLLS MADE FROM & MIXTURE
OF BEEF, LAMB AND PORK WITH SPICES, SUCH
AS GARLIC, BLACK PEPPER, THIME,
CORIANDER AND SOMETIMES & TOUCH OF
PAPRIKA.

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 SODIUM, BICARBONATE AND BROTH OR WATER IS ADDED TO THE MIXTURE.
 IT IS SERVED WITH FRANCH FRIES, MUSTARD AND PICKLES.

UNESCO MONUMENTS

SAMISEGETUZA REGIA WAS THE CAPITAL AND THE MOST IMPORTANT RELIGIOUS AND POLITICAL CENTRE OF THE DACLANS PRIOR TO THE WARS WITH THE ROMAN EMPIRE

ERECTED ON TOP OF A 1200M HIGH MOUNTAIN, THE FORTRESS, COMPRISE SI CITADELES WAS THE CARE OF A STRATEGIC DEFENSE SYSTEM IN THE ORASTIE MOUNTAINS

THE R. LEWIS CO., LANSING, MICH.

* THE CHURCHES WITH EXTERNAL MURAL PAINTINGS, BUILT FROM THE LATE 15TH TO THE LATE 16TH CENTURY, ARE MASTERPIECES INSPIRED BY BYZANTINE ART

CHURCHES OF MOLDAVIA

 THE PAINTINGS FORM A SYSTEMATIC COVERING ON ALL THE FACADES AND REPRESENT COMPLETE CYCLES OF RELIGIOUS THEMES

THE WOODEN CHURCHES OF MARAMURES-NORTHERN ROMANLA

* THESE EIGHT CHURCHES SHOW THE VARIETY OF DESIGNS AND CRAFTSMANSHIP ADOPTED IN THESE NARROW, HIGH, TIMBER CONSTRUCTIONS WITH THEIR CHARACTERISTIC TALL, SLIM CLOCK TOWERS AT THE WESTERN END OF THE BUILDING, EITHER SINGLE- OR DOUBLE-ROOFED AND COVERED BY SHINGLES.

MONASTERY OF HOREZU

FOUNDED IN 1690 BY PRINCE CONSTANTIN BRANCOVEANU, THE MONASTERY OF HOREZU, IN WALACHIA, IS A MASTERPIECE OF THE 'BRANCOVAN' STYLE.

IT IS KNOWN FOR ITS ARCHITECTURAL PURITY AND BALANCE, THE RICHNESS OF ITS SCULPTURAL DETAIL, THE TREATMENT OF ITS RELIGIOUS COMPOSITIONS, ITS VOTIVE PORTRAITS AND ITS PAINTED DECORATIVE WORKS. THE SCHOOL OF MURAL AND ICON PAINTING ESTABLISHED AT THE MONASTERY IN THE 18TH CENTURY WAS FAMOUS THROUGHOUT THE BALKAN REGION.

FOLK ARCHITECTURE



TRADITIONAL HOUSE NORTHERN OLTENLA-220 YEARS OLD

THE RUSTIC ARCHITECTURE IS THE MOST COMPLETE, THE MOST EXPRESSIVE CREATION OF THE RURAL

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THE RUSTIC ARCHITECTURE IS DIVIDED INTO:

- A SINGLE LEVELED-HOUSE ; SHEDS ARE USUALLY BUILT SEPARATELY
- * 1-2 STORE HOUSE; THE GROUND FLOOR IS USED FOR FOOD STORAGE; IF SHEDS ARE BUILT SEPARATELY THE GROUND FLOOR MAYBE RESIDENTIAL AS WELL

THE PORCH (VERANDA) IS AN EVER PRESENT ELEMENT IN ALL ROMANIAN RURAL HOUSES



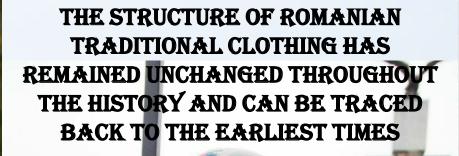
TRADITIONAL COSTUMES

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THE BASIC GARNEMENT FOR BOTH MEN AND WOMEN IS A SHIRT OR CHEMISE WHICH IS MADE FROM HAMP, LINEN OR WOOLEN FABRIC





THE SHIRT WAS TIED ROUND THE WAIST USING A FABRIC BELT NARROW FOR WOMEN AND WIDER FOR MEN WOMEN WORE AN APRON OVER THE CHEMISE. THIS WAS INITIALLY A SINGLE PIECE OF CLOTH WRAPPED THE LOWER PART OF THEIR BODIES AS IT IS STILL SEEN IN EAST AND SOUTH-EAST OF ROUMANIA IN TRANSYLVANIA AND SOUTH-WEST OF ROUMANIA THIS BECAME TWO SEPARATED APRONS, ONE WORN AT THE BACK AND ONE AT THE FRONT

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THE OUTER GARMENTS WORN BY MEN ARE USUALLY MADE OF SHEEPSKIN OR FELTED WOOLLEN FABRIC AND DECORATED WITH LEATHER APPLIQUE AND SILK EMBROIDERY





CARPATHIAN SHIRT, SIMILAR TO THE SLAVIC PEOPLES. EACH BLOUSE TELLS & COMPELLING STORY ABOUT THE REGION IT COMES FROM.



THE 3 PART DÉCOR OF THIS PLEATED SHIRT IS ALMOST ALWAY'S THE SAME: IN ADDITION TO THE UNDERARM EMBROIDERY', THE "ALTITA", THERE IS A SINGLE HORIZONTAL ROW ON THE SLEEVE, KNOWN AS "INCRET", AND DIAGONAL STRIPES BELOW THE ARMPIT AND SHOULDER, THE"RAURI".THE UNDERARM EMBROIDERY CHARACTERISES THE ENTIRE COSTUME;IT IS TRADITIONALLY SEEN AS THE CULMINATION OF EMBROIDERY AND DECORATION.



CITY HERITAGE RESERVATIONS





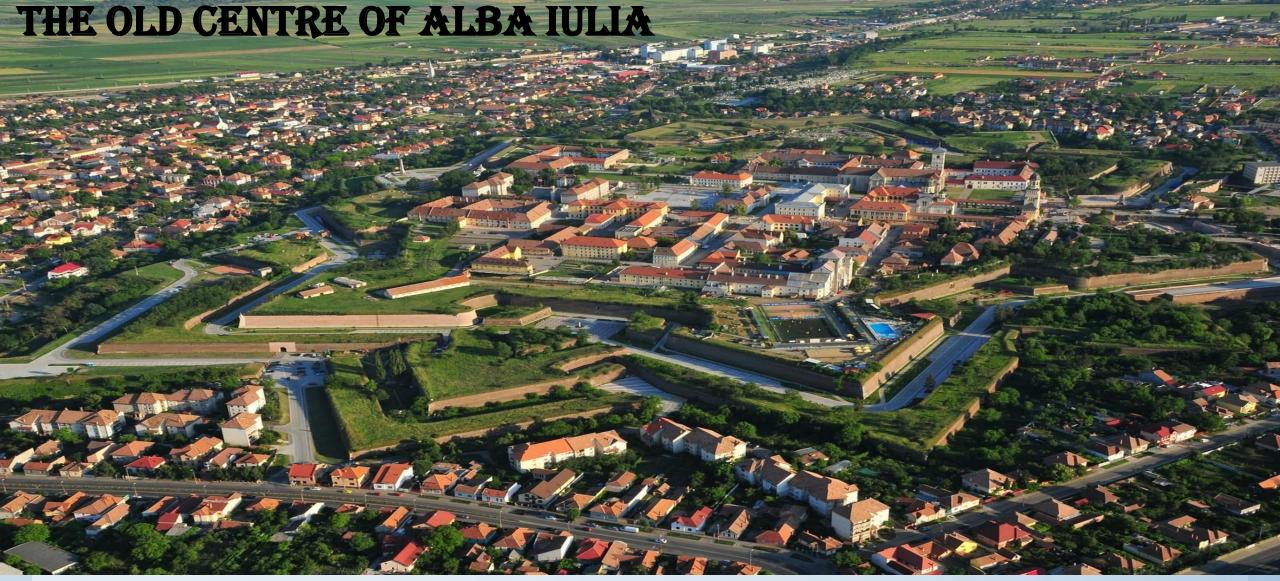


VILLAGES WITH FORTIFIED CHURCHES IN TRANSYLVANIA

FOUNDED BY THE TRANSYLVANIAN SAXONS, THE 7 VILLAGES FEATURE A SPECIFIC LAND-USE SYSTEM, SETTLEMENT PATTERN AND ORGANISATION OF THE FAMILY FARMSTEAD THAT HAVE BEEN PRESERVED SINCE THE MIDDLE AGE. THEY ARE DOMINATED BY THEIR FORTIFIED CHURCHES, WHICH ILLUSTRATE BUILDING STYLES FROM THE 13TH AND 16TH CENTURIES.

SIGHISOARA

THE HISTORIC CENTRE OF SIGHISOARA (SIGHISOARA CITADEL) IS THE OLD HISTORIC CENTER OF THE TOWN OF SIGHISOARA, BUILT IN THE 12TH CENTURY. IT IS AN INHABITED MEDIEVAL CITADEL THAT, IN 1999, WAS DESIGNATED A UNESCO WORLD HERITAGE SITE FOR ITS 850-YEAR-OLD TESTAMENT TO THE HISTORY AND CULTURE OF THE TRANSYLVANIAN SAXONS.



THE CITY OF ALBA IULIA, ALBA COUNTY IS ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT URBAN CENTERS OF ROMANIA, A PLACE OF MONUMENTAL HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE, ASSOCIATED TO THE GREAT UNION OF 1918 AND THE CORONATION OF THE KINGS FERDINAND I AND MARY, THE 1ST MONARCHS OF GREATER ROMANIA. ITS ANCIENT MEDIEVAL CENTRE, THE ALBA CAROLINA FORTRESS, ENCLOSES BETWEEN ITS WALLS SEVERAL CENTURIES OLD ATTRACTIONS LADEN WITH HISTORY, INCLUDING SAINT MICHAEL'S CATHEDRAL.

BUCHAREST OLD TOWN

BUCHAREST'S OLD TOWN WAS MERCIFULLY UNTOUCHED BY SECOND WORLD WAR BOMBS AND CEAUSESCU'S BULLDOZERS AND IS THE CITY'S MOST CHARISMATIC NEIGHBOURHOOD.

A MASSIVE REGENERATION PROJECT HAS TRANSFORMED MANY OF ITS HITHERTO GRUBBY-LOOKING STREETS AND BUILDINGS, THE MOST SPECTACULAR EXAMPLE BEING THE NEW CARTURESTI CARUSEL BOOKSHOP. THE PINT-SIZED STAVROPOLEOS CHURCH, WITH ORNATE CARVINGS IN STONE AND WOOD BOTH INSIDE AND OUT, IS ANOTHER ARCHITECTURAL MUST-SEE.



 TULNICUL IS USED BY ROMANIAN SHEPHARDS IN THE MOUNTAINS TO COMMUNICATE AND GUIDE THE SHEEP AND DOGS
 IN THE PAST IT WAS USED AS AN INSTRUMENT TO SIGNALIZE MILITARY CONFLICTS.

IT IS BETWEEN 1,3m AND OVER 3m LONG
IT IS MADE OF FIR, LINDEN OR HAZEL WOOD

THE CURVED PAN FLUTE

THE CURVED PAN FLUTE WAS POPULARIZED BY THE ROMANIAN MUSICIAN GHEORGHE ZAMFIR, WHO TOURED EXTENSIVELY AND RECORDED MANY ALBUMS OF PAN FLUTE MUSIC IN THE 1970'S

> CONTEMPORARILY MAKERS OF CURVED ROMANIAN –STYLE PAN FLUTES USE WAX TO TUNE NEW INSTRUMENTS



THE TAMBAL IS A TYPE OF CHORDOPHONE COMPOSED OF A LARGE, TRAPEZOIDAL BOX WITH METAL STRINGS STRETCHED ACROSS ITS TOP. IT IS A MUSICAL INSTRUMENT COMMONLY FOUND IN THE GROUP OF CENTRAL-EASTERN EUROPEAN NATIONS AND CULTURES. IT IS ALSO POPULAR IN GREECE AND GYPSY MUSIC. THE TAMBAL IS PLAYED BY STRIKING TWO BEATERS AGAINST THE STRINGS. THE STEEL TREBLE STRINGS ARE ARRANGED IN GROUPS OF 4 AND ARE TUNED IN UNISON. THE ROMANIAN VERSION IS HELD BY THE PLAYER INTO HIS HANDS BY THE USEOF A BELT ROUND HIS NECK.

COBZA

* THE ROMANIAN COBZA IS METAL STRUNG AND HAS A VERY SHORT NECK WITHOUT FRETS WITH A BENT-BACK PEGBOX IT IS THOUGHT TO BE A LOCAL ADAPTATION OF TWO PERSION AND TURKUISH INSTRUMENTS BROUGHT TO THE AREA ITINERANT GIPSY MUSICIANS IN THE 15TH CENTURY

RUGS IN OLTENIA

Species.

RUG MAKING HAS BEEN AN IMPORTANT ASPECT OF CULTURAL HERITAGE IN ROMANLA THE WORD FOR THIS TYPE OF CARPET IS ROMANIANS USE THE KILIM TECHNIQUE THEY USE PREDOMINANTLY STRONG COLORS SUCH AS RED AND BLACK AGAINST GREEN OR SANDY-COLORED BACKGROUNDS.

MINHES!

THE DESIGNS DIFFER FROM REGION TO REGION: REGION TO REGION: FLORAL MOTIFS, ANIMALS AND ORIENTAL INFLUENCES THE RUGS ARE USUALLY PASSED THOUGH GENERATIONS. HOREZU CERAMICS IS A UNIQUE TYPE OF ROMANIAN POTTERY THAT IS TRADITIONALLY PRODUCED AROUND THE TOWN OF HOREZU IN NORTHERN OLTENIA

COLORS ARE BRIGHT SHADES OF BROWN, RED, GREEN, BLUE AND THE SO-CALLED "HOREZU IVORY".



HOREZU POTTERS USE TRADITIONAL TOOLS LIKE A MIXER FOR CLEANING THE EARTH, A POTTERY WHEEL AND A COMB FOR SHAPING, A HOLLOW OUT HORN AND A FINE WIRE – TIPPED STICK FOR DECORATION. IT IS INCLUDED ON THE UNESCO LIST OF IMMATERIAL PATRIMONY

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THE MOST IMPORTANT BUILDING MONUMENTS



VLAD ŢEPEŞ VS DRACULA'S LEGEND

VLAD THE IMPALER, FORMER ROMANIAN RULER IN THE XV CENTURY, FAMOUS FOR HIS CRUELTY

* HIS SEVERE WAYS OF PUNISHING CRIMINALS HELPED BUILDING THE WELL-KNOWN IMAGE OF A VAMPIRE

THE FICTIONAL VAMPIRE IN THE NOVEL "DRACULA" BY BRAM STOKER WAS INSPIRED BY THE LEGENDS OF THIS ROMANIAN PRINCE HOWEVER, THERE IS NO DIRECT CONNECTION BETWEEN STOKER'S CASTLE AND BRAN CASTLE

BRAN CASTLE

 ONE OF THE MOST FAMOUS CASTLES IN ROMANIA.
 VERY OFTEN ASSOCIATED WITH THE HOME OF DRACULA, BRAM STOKER'S CHARACTER

CORVIN CASTLE

- ☆ A GOTHIC-RENAISSANCE CASTLE IN HUNEDOARA
- *** ONE OF THE LARGEST CASTLES IN EUROPE**
- IT FIGURES IN A TOP OF 7 WONDERS OF ROMANIA

THE PALACE OF PARLIAMENT

- * THE SECOND LARGEST BUILDING IN THE WORLD, AFTER THE PENTAGON, U.S.A., HAVING AROUND 1,000 ROOMS
- * THE MOST EXPENSIVE ADMINISTRATIVE BUILDING IN THE WORLD
- * THE HEAVIEST BUILDING IN THE WORLD
- * BUILT IN 13 YEARS: 1984-1997

 FOR THE ROMANIANS, IT IS A REMEMBRANCE OF COMMUNISM, BUT ALSO OF NATIONAL PRIDE
 DIMENSIONS: 66,000 m² surface 270m length 240m width 86m high 92m underground 9 levels above the ground 9 levels underground

* IT'S CONSTRUCTION NEEDED: $\cdot 1,000,000,000 m^3$ marble $\cdot 5,500$ tons of cement $\cdot 200,000m^3$ glass

- 7,000 tons of steel
- •2,000,000 tons of sand
- •1,000 tons of basalt
- 2,800 chandeliers

• around 20,000 workers 24h/day

•900,000 m^3 wood

- 220,000 m^2 carpets
- 3,500 m^2 leather
- 3,500 tons crystals
- •700 arhitects

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✤ THE FIRST EUROPEAN CASTLE TO BE LIT ENTIRELY BY ELECTRICAL CURRENT.

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THE BLACK CHURCH-BRASOV

THE BIGGEST GOTHIC CHURCH IN EUROPE * ONE OF THE LARGEST PIPE ORGANS IN EUROPE (4000 TUBES) * THE LARGEST BELL IN ROMANIA WEIGHING 6.5 TONS

THE WOODEN CHURCH IN SÅPÂNȚA PERI

 THE TALLEST WOODEN CHURCH IN THE WORLD – THE CROSS IS 7M HIGH AND IT WEIGHS 455 KG

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☆ THE SECOND TALLEST WOODEN STRUCTURE IN EUROPE - 78M HIGH

THE STATUE OF DECEBALUS -THE LAST KING OF DACLA

- ***** THE TALLEST ROCK SCULPTURE IN EUROPE
- ✤ 55 M TALL AND 25 M WIDE
- ON THE RIVER DANUBE, AT THE IRON GATES, NEAR THE BORDER BETWEEN ROMANIA AND SERBIA

ASTRA MUSEUM - SIBIU

- * THE SECOND LARGEST OUTDOOR MUSEUM IN THE WORLD, FEATURING MORE THAN 300 BUILDINGS, WATERMILLS, WINDMILLS
- * GIGANTIC PRESSES FOR WINE, FRUIT AND OIL,
- *** HYDRAULIC FORGES AND MORE**.

- * THE SECOND LARGEST DELTA IN EUROPE (AROUND 2.733 Km²)
- ***** THE BEST PRESERVED IN EUROPE
- * IT HOSTS OVER 300 SPECIES OF BIRDS, 45 FRESHWATER FISH SPECIES, LAKES AND MARSHES

THE DANUBE DELTA

***** SINCE 1991, IT BECAME PART OF UNESCO LIST OF WORLD HERITAGE SITES.

THE GOLD MUSEUM IN BRAD

* THE BIGGEST NATURAL RESERVES IN GOLD IN EUROPE ARE SAID TO BE IN ROMANIA. THE ONLY GOLD MUSEUM IN EUROPE WIT OVER 2000 PIECES FROM ALL OVER THE WORLD

Aur lamelar cu depuneri de cristale și microlamele de aur

Aur lamelar cu cuarț



NADIA COMANECI IS THE FIRST ATHLETE IN THE HISTORY OF THE SPORT TO BE AWARDED A PERFECT SCORE OF 10.0 AT AN OLYMPIC GAMES (1976, MONTREAL). IN ALL, SHE RECEIVED SIX MORE PERFECT 10S IN MONTREAL, AS WELL AS THREE GOLD MEDALS. BECAUSE THE SCOREBOARD COULD NOT DISPLAY A 10.00, NADIA WAS SHOWN 1.00 SCORE.



Rumania's Nadia Comaneci **But the Olympics**

are in Trouble



Nicolae Paulescu - the true inventor of insulin



WITHOUT THE WORK OF NICOLAE PAULESCU NE HISTORY OF MEDICINE WOULD PROBABLY HAVE A DIFFERENT COURSE, PARTICULARLY THE HISTORY OF DIABETIC AT DOME THE DISTINGUISHED ROMANIAN SCIENTIST WAS THE FIRST TO DISCOVER INSULIN (WHICH HE CALLED PANCREINE). HIS DISCOVERY WAS PATENTED ON APRIL 10, 1922 BY THE ROMANIAN MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY AND TRADE. IN 1923 TWO OTHER SCIENTISTS WERE TO BE RECOGNIZED AS THE CREATORS OF INSULIN: DOCTOR FREDERICK GRANT BANTING AND BIOCHEMIST JOHN JAMES RICHARD MACLEOD. BY THE TIME BANTING ISOLATED INSULIN, PAULESCU ALREADY HELD A PATENT FOR ITS DISCOVERY. MOREOVER, BANTING WAS FAMILIAR WITH PAULESCU'S WORK.

TECHNICAL COLLEGE BALS ROMANIA