

## **The speech of ULIM's Rector, acad. Andrei GALBEN at the V-th ISIPAR Congress**

### ***Distinguished Delegates***

It is my privilege to address a greeting message on behalf of ULIM's Rectorate and Senate.

I am also privileged to thank the president of the International Society for Interpersonal Acceptance and Rejection, Mr. Ronald P. Rohner, Mrs. Valentina Buliga, the Minister of Labour Social Protection and Family of the Republic of Moldova, honored colleagues from participant countries to this Congress.

Rarely can one encounter cases when representatives from five continents attend an international forum, and I would like to take the advantage to greet and mention with a special pleasure the delegates from the Republic of Moldova and Romania, from South European countries like Spain, Portugal, Greece, Central European countries: Czech Republic, Northern Europe: Great Britain, Estonia, Lithuania and Russia. I am also delighted to greet the participants from Eurasian countries like Israel and Turkey, Asian countries: India, Bangladesh, Pakistan and Iran, American continents: the USA, Canada, Columbia and Puerto-Rico, and last but not least, I warmly greet the representatives from Australia and African continent – especially from Nigeria.

Dear colleagues and partners of the Fifth ISIPAR Congress, as a professor I would like to mention that I am very delighted to participate at the opening ceremony to this forum which has a great importance for the globalization process. I have no embarrassment in saying that I have always been stroke by the idea of globalization, and I have been the prisoner of this idea. The Congress began its works in 2006, in Istanbul, Turkey and being at the V-th edition has managed to raise the public interest regarding certain problems that even the politicians around the world do not realize the importance of the problems your Society touches. In fact, the issues in discussion have deep historical roots being known when the first world communities appeared. They were always present accompanying the world's civilizations, but today the contemporary world confronts the phenomena that are being touched by you in different scientific researches, and via such studies you intend an I am sure that you will manage to raise the interest of public authorities from different countries.

Here is a simple example: the Republic of Moldova and Romania both represent a civilization which has not dominated other states, on the contrary, we have been dominated. The proverb: "No sword cuts off the bowing head" represents our state of mind. The Romanian civilization was stroke by such phenomena as aggression, violence, non-tolerance towards other persons. Migrating to countries like Spain, Portugal, Italy, Greece, Romanians have become unrecognizable, having acquired different qualities improper to them but widely known in that area. On the other hand, the Moldovans who migrate to Russia encounter other problems specific to that region. You touch upon the problems related to the transfer of traditions, customs, mentality and culture as a whole at national and civilization level.

We could not imagine that the Europeans encounter situations where they are not as superior as they used to be by comparison to other nations. In many respects they are equal to Oriental nations and civilizations, but in other ones, the Europeans are even inferior. Another example relates to the education.

Not long ago, the education systems of Europe and North America were considered net superior to other education systems. Nowadays, according to a rating performed by international organizations, first places are taken by the higher education institutions from South Korea, Japan, Singapore, Hong-Kong, while the USA takes the 14-th place, let alone other European countries. In other words, the world is subject to ever-changing transformations, different phenomena, interpersonal relationships emerge that the world has never confronted with, even if encountered, those phenomena were at a different level and conception than the one known today.

The ones who lived in the V-th century used to say that the civilization had collapsed alongside with the collapse of Roman Empire, but the Roman civilization has not disappeared, it transformed, giving birth to other ones. As we know, the Soviet empire has collapsed, and on the basis of its negative phenomena, other positive phenomena have emerged. Accordingly, the issues touched by the participants to the V-th ISIPAR Congress, as for example the relations between pupils and teachers, students and professors, parents and children, etc., migration mentality, and other problems the world community has encountered, now require a global level concept. Not only is it impossible to imagine and anticipate the present, but the future as well, referring to the relations with China, Middle East and Arabic community as a whole. But if the present facts are not enough studied or known, it is impossible to predict the future. In any case I am profoundly touched and satisfied that very often different issues that require a global and multidimensional approach are touched within international forums. I hope that your research and studies will be able to put into practice what you have done before, and I am confident that you will keep your researches at a high level in order to contribute to forming a better and fairer world.

Thank you.