



Reference documents:

National Education Act 1/2011

Charter of the George Emil Palade University of Medicine, Pharmacy, Science and Technology of Târgu Mureș

SR EN ISO 9001:2008 Quality Management Systems. Requirements

Regulation on the organisation and functioning of the Administrative Board of the George Emil Palade University of Medicine, Pharmacy, Science and Technology of Târgu Mureș

REGULATION ON CONFERRING HONOURS, DEGREES, DIPLOMAS, AWARDS, MEDALS

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Chapter I. General provisions

Art. 1. The current regulation establishes the manner of conferring honours, degrees, diplomas, awards, medals, as the case may be, on some personalities by and on behalf of the University of Medicine, Pharmacy, Science and Technology of Târgu Mureș.

Art. 2. The activity established in the current regulation aims to acknowledge/reward the excellence in the scientific and didactic field or within the academic community, by conferring honours, degrees, diplomas, awards or medals.

Chapter II. The conferment of the Doctor Honoris Causa (DHC) title of the University of Medicine, Pharmacy, Science and Technology of Târgu Mureș

Art. 3. According to art. 2, paragraph (2) of the Charter of the University of Medicine, Pharmacy, Science and Technology of Târgu Mureș, the University “promotes an education system based on compliance with national and international standards, and is authorised to grant the title of [...], *doctor honoris causa*”.

Art 4. The title of *doctor honoris causa* is awarded by the University Senate, at the proposal of the Administrative Board, to prominent personalities at national and international level who have decisively influenced the evolution of knowledge worldwide and who have supported the University of Medicine, Pharmacy, Science and Technology of Târgu Mureș through direct contacts, collaborations/creation of research teams and the initiation of institutional relations with partner universities/institutes.

Art 5. Depending on the field of activity, the title of DHC can be:

- a. Doctor Honoris Causa Scientarum – Dhc. Sc. – for fields of science
- b. Doctor Honoris Causa Beneficiorum Publicorum – Dhc. B. P – awarded to personalities outside the academic community, for contributions to the good of society.

Art. 6. The awarding of the title of *Doctor honoris causa* takes place during a meeting of the University Senate, convened especially for this purpose.

Art. 7. To maintain the elitist character of the DHC title, UMFST G.E. Palade Tg. Mureș shall award a maximum number of two titles of DHC Scientarum in a calendar year.

Art. 8. The title of Doctor Honoris Causa cannot be awarded to members of the academic community within UMFST G.E. Palade Tg. Mureș.

Art. 9. On the occasion of the conferment of the DHC title, an Honorary volume shall be prepared, by the scientific Vice-Rector, which shall include: The Rector’s Address, the Decision of the Senate, Laudatio, the Summary of the Honorary Conference, the biographical data and the candidate’s CV. A model of the



volume shall be made by the PR Department, which shall also make the poster of the event and shall promote the event through invitations and press releases.

Art. 10. The conferment ceremony of the DHC title shall take place according to Annexe 01.

Chapter III. The conferment of the Medal of Honour of the University of Medicine, Pharmacy, Science and Technology of Târgu Mureș and the “Tiberiu Maros” Medal

Art. 11. The Medal of Honour of George Emil Palade University of Medicine, Pharmacy, Science and Technology of Târgu Mureș is the sign of supreme recognition of the special merits that a person has nationally or internationally and is awarded, at the proposal of the rector, to academic, scientific, cultural or public personalities who have contributed in particular to the development of the field in which they operate or who have significantly supported the development of the University.

Art. 12. The Medal of Honour of George Emil Palade University of Medicine, Pharmacy, Science and Technology of Târgu Mureș is awarded to the former rectors of the University together with the title and diploma of rector emeritus.

Art. 13. The Medal of Honour of George Emil Palade University of Medicine, Pharmacy, Science and Technology of Târgu Mureș may also be awarded to institutions that have contributed over time to increasing the prestige of UMFST G.E. Palade Tg.Mureș.

Art. 14. The “Tiberiu Maros” Medal is awarded for outstanding performance in fundamental research.

Art. 15 The Medal of Honour of George Emil Palade University of Medicine, Pharmacy, Science and Technology of Târgu Mureș and the “Tiberiu Maros” Medal may each be awarded, by the decision of the Senate, to a single person / calendar year.

Chapter IV. The conferment of the Honorary Professor title and the Professor Emeritus of George Emil Palade University of Medicine, Pharmacy, Science and Technology of Târgu Mureș

Art. 16. The title of honorary professor (Honorary Professor, Honorarprofessor – Hon. – Prof.) may be awarded to scientific or professional personalities from outside the university, involved in teaching, professional or research activities, and they contributed to the development and promotion of university study or research programs in the country or abroad, or at important collaborations between universities and partner institutions abroad.

Art. 17. The award proposal is made by the Faculty Council or by the Board of Directors and is approved by the Senate.



Art. 18. The honorary title of professor emeritus for professional excellence may be awarded to teachers and researchers who have reached the retirement age and who have demonstrated a high standard of teaching and research throughout their academic career.

Art. 19. The professional performance criteria (according to art. 289 paragraph 3 of the National Education Act 1/2011) which are the basis for conferring the professor emeritus title are established by the University Senate.

Art. 20. The honorary title of professor emeritus for professional excellence is awarded for life, in a festive setting, by the rector of George Emil Palade University of Medicine, Pharmacy, Science and Technology of Târgu Mureș.

Art. 21. The title of Professor Emeritus does not necessarily imply the establishment of a contractual relationship with UMFST G.E. Palade Tg.Mureș.

Chapter V. The conferment of the Rector Emeritus title of George Emil Palade University of Medicine, Pharmacy, Science and Technology of Târgu Mureș

Art. 22. The honorary title of Rector emeritus and the diploma of rector emeritus is awarded to the former rectors of the University.

Art. 23. The title is awarded by the rector of George Emil Palade University of Medicine, Pharmacy, Science and Technology of Târgu Mureș, to former rectors, on the occasion of the first University Days after the end of their mandate or in another festive setting.

Art. 24. Emeritus rectors are guests of honour at any event held under the auspices of UMFST G.E. Palade Tg.Mureș.

Chapter VI. The conferment of the Diploma of excellence in scientific research

Art. 25. Annually, George Emil Palade University of Medicine, Pharmacy, Science and Technology of Târgu Mureș rewards excellence in scientific research, by awarding a prize, the amount of which is set by the Administrative Board.

Art. 26. The prize is awarded to the tenured teacher in the university who obtained, in the current calendar year, the highest cumulative impact factor as *first author* of some scientific articles published in extenso (NOT as co-author, corresponding author, last author).

Art. 27. For truly outstanding achievements, with a significant impact on knowledge and which enjoy wide international recognition, the University Administrative Board may award a diploma of excellence to the



teacher/teachers or a group of teachers, as sign of recognition of excellence for professional performance. The diploma of excellence is accompanied by a material reward, the amount of which is determined by the Administrative Board.

Chapter VII. The conferment of the Honorary Diploma of George Emil Palade University of Medicine, Pharmacy, Science and Technology of Târgu Mureș

Art. 28. At the proposal of the pro-rector responsible for scientific activity, student issues and professional orientation, the rector of the university awards honorary diplomas for honouring the personalities of the University on the occasion of birthdays or retirement.

Art. 29. The honorary diploma is awarded to retired teachers upon reaching a round age (70, 80, 90 years) or upon retirement, as well as to graduate students – valedictorians from each study program within the university and those who ranked first in the national residency examination.

Art. 30. The honorary diploma may also be awarded, at the proposal of the Administrative Board, to some graduates of our University and to some personalities of the academic environment, from other universities in the country or abroad or from the administrative structures (other universities, the town hall, ministries, embassies) who have contributed decisively to the creation of some institutional links with George Emil Palade University of Medicine, Pharmacy, Science and Technology of Târgu Mureș.

Art. 31. The honorary diploma shall also be awarded to the scientific personalities who deliver the George Simu Memorial Lecture and Miskolczi Dezső Memorial Lecture within the UMFST G.E. Palade Tg.Mureș Days.

Chapter VIII. The conferment of the Anniversary Plaque on behalf of George Emil Palade University of Medicine, Pharmacy, Science and Technology of Târgu Mureș

Art. 32. On the occasion of some festive events (anniversary of the establishment of partner institutions in the country or abroad), the rector may confer diplomas or anniversary plaques on behalf of the University at the proposal of the Administrative Board.

Chapter IX. Final provisions

Art. 33. A Rector's Decision is issued for the aforementioned titles and awards. The decision is communicated to the candidate in writing in an official letter. Correspondence with the nominees for



awards or titles is made through the General Secretariat of UMFST G.E. Palade Tg.Mureș. The festivity takes place after receiving the written agreement of acceptance from the candidate.

Art. 34. The DHC title and the Medal of Honour of UMFST G.E.Palade Tg.Mureș cannot be awarded in absentia. The post-mortem conferment of the awards can be made only if the candidate's death occurred between the time of acceptance of the nomination and the date of the award ceremony.

Art. 35. Any of the titles or medals awarded may be withdrawn by the University if the honoured person carries out subsequent activities which are incompatible with their position or activities that damage the image and prestige of the University. The withdrawal of the title is initiated by the Administrative Board or the Senate.

Art. 36. The General Secretariat of the University keeps a special register with all the titles, diplomas and medals conferred by the University.

Art. 37. The PR department makes the models for each of the diplomas and specific materials (medals, plaques).

The Senate of George Emil Palade University of Medicine, Pharmacy, Science and Technology of Târgu Mureș approved the current regulation on 20th September 2020 and it comes into force on 01st October 2020.

Annexes:

Annexe 01: The conferment ceremony of the Doctor Honoris Causa title



The conferment ceremony of the Doctor Honoris Causa title

1. Upon arrival at the university, the nominee is greeted by the person who made the nomination and is taken to the Rector's office where the Presidium of the conferment ceremony and other personalities invited to take part in the ceremony are gathered.
2. The person who made the nomination shall walk the nominee through the content of the DHC conferment ceremonial.
3. 5 minutes before the time set for the start of the ceremony, the whole group goes to the place where the ceremony takes place.
4. Members of the Board of UMFST G.E. Palade Tg.Mureș, apart from the nominee, shall wear the academic regalia (gown and cap) of UMFST G.E. Palade Tg.Mureș. The members of the Board shall enter while Gaudeamus Igitur is played.
5. With the audience standing, the National Anthem of the future laureate shall be played, if the person is of another nationality.
6. After the anthems end, the President of the Senate shall open the festive session.
7. The Rector's address.
8. The designated person shall read the Laudatio, within a maximum of 10 minutes.
9. After the Laudatio, The President of the Senate shall invite the audience to stand, shall read the decision of the Senate to confer the title of DHC and shall invite a person from outside the Presidium to read the diploma in Latin.
10. After the diploma is read, the chief secretary of the Senate gives the candidate the gown and cap and then the President of the Senate hands the diploma.
11. The new DHC shall be congratulated by the Rector.
12. The President of the Senate shall invite the audience to sit down and the new Doctor Honoris Causa to deliver the honorary address. This cannot exceed 20 minutes.
13. The President of the Senate shall thank the new DHC for their address and declare the ceremony closed with the playing of the Gaudeamus Igitur anthem.
14. Official photo session.