



## Iulian DRĂCEA

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Engineer, professor at Agronomic Institute of Timișoara (1948–1980),  
Rector of Agronomic Institute of Timișoara, (1952–1955 and 1962-1976),  
Dean of Faculty of Agronomy (1955-1962),  
Member of the Academy of Agricultural and Forestry Sciences (1969-1980),  
Member of the Association of Romanian Scientists/  
Academy of Romanian Scientists (1958-1980)

He has dedicated all his life to education, research and to found an agricultural university, a modern campus "*Agronomia City*" in the South-West part of Romania.

The expertise in education and research of Iulian Drăcea grow up from manager of laboratory to full professor and Ph.D. supervisor.

In researches at the *Scientific Research Center of the RPR Academy* in Timișoara (1951-1955) he developed studies connected to plant tolerance to drought. He worked away in research at the "*Lovrin Agricultural Experimental Station*", as head of the Plant Breeding Laboratory. In this period, 1961-1965, 8 new wheat varieties were patented. The wheat and triticale breeding program was also developed at the Timisoara Agronomic Institute where *Timisan* variety was created and patented (1980). It was the first and unique variety made by a university. As a member of the *Academy of Agricultural and Forestry Sciences* (1969) he was elected in the Presidium of the Academy (1969 - 1980). As Chairman Iulian Drăcea coordinated and developed the strategies and manage of plant and animal researches in the West part of our Country. He was involved in different activities carried out within the Association of Romanian Scientists/Academy of Romanian Scientists (1958-1980).

More than 20 years Prof. Dr. Iulian Drăcea guided the Timisoara Agronomic Institute and Faculty of Agronomy as Rector of the University (1952-1955 and 1962-1976) as well as Dean (1955-1962). In Less than 10 years at the North Gate of Timisoara City have been raised the "*Agronomia*" campus with all necessary opportunities: 3 faculties (*Agronomy, Veterinary Medicine and Animal Sciences*), library, hostels, cantina, sport hall, Church, parks for recreation and the administrative buildings. Near by is the *Research and Education Station* (SDE Timisoara) the "*third Amphitheater*" equipped with all facilities for practical activity. Now is a true city with 6 faculties.

The *Agronomia City* is a cultural and educational spot on the Romanian map.

In the memory of agronomists over the world Iulian Drăcea is a model of life dedication and patriotism. The society's recognition consists in 14 medals.

His life, activity and results revealed the attachment to the Country and to the most important social group "*bread makers*".



1963: The historical decision: The Senate of the Timisoara Agronomic Institute and the Director Council established the start of *Agronomia* campus construction



1978: A work visit of Agricultural Department, Education Department and members of Romanian Academy (Acad. David Davidescu [left 3], Acad. Nicolae Giosan [right 3] and Iulian Drăcea [right 1]) in the experimental field in Timisoara (far back are the buildings of the new university)