

INCREASE PROJECT

My name is Florin Dumitru Petrariu and I am Associate Professor of Environmental Health, M.D., Ph.D., Senior Medical Officer of Health and Specialist Physician in Epidemiology.

Between 2012-2016 I was Vice Dean of the Faculty of Medicine, within the “Grigore T. Popa” University of Medicine and Pharmacy Iasi.

From 2016 and up to the present I am the Director of the Department of Preventive Medicine and Interdisciplinary of the Faculty of Medicine, Chairman of the Senate Regulations Committee and General Editorial Secretary of *The Medical-Surgical Journal* of the Society of Physicians and Naturalists from Iasi.

I conduct the lectures to the English section from 2001 and to the French section from 2012.

Starting from 2016 I have been the tutor of the French section (4th year).

My expertise in this field is generated by a double interaction, during lectures and practical works, which last already for 20 years.

I have seen and contributed to the development of the multicultural and multilingual offer of our University, which now has over 2,500 students, from over 57 countries all over the world.

Every semester I work with over 120 students enrolled for studying both in English and in French language.

In English section are gathered students from very different cultures and geographical areas all over the world.

French section has a different feature since here the students are coming most likely from French-speaking countries, and they are sharing the same values connected to the language. What makes the difference, even in this context, is their perspective provided by European or Arab culture.

Even both sections are facing the same educational challenges, maybe French section has a small advantage since Romania is a Latin country and their integration seems to be easier.

I am interacting with both sections in the 4th year of their academic programme when their struggle to fit in a new life environment is already done.

On the other hand, the moment when I am interacting with them is deeply marked by their clinical experience, where they get in contact mostly with Romanian patients which speak, or not, English or French.

We must realize that they are somehow, our future ambassadors all over the world, and try every day not only to provide high quality medical education, but also to help them to feel that Iasi (extensively Romania) is their home from abroad, were their dream to become a medical doctor came true.