

LETTER FROM HIS MAJESTY KING MIHAI I OF ROMANIA

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Today, your University celebrates 60 years since its establishment and I deeply regret that my other numerous duties prevent me from joining you.

Despite age differences, the Queen and I have always felt at home in every University we have visited in our country, along the years. When it was again possible for us to return in our country, we have been impressed by the large number of students who came to us and wished us “Welcome”. It is but repeating a commonly accepted truth to say that students are our future. They do not represent only the future, many a time, in the past 20 years, they have also been our conscience and compass, reviving history and traditions, reminding us about so many other things that need to be done.

I would like to thank you for the honor made to me by the University of Medicine and Pharmacy “Victor Babes” from Timisoara, by awarding me the Doctor Honoris Causa title.

I do not look at this gesture as to a personal reward, but rather as to a connection between generations who endured sufferings, in order to see a prosperous Romania, so that the young generation, who sits in front of us today, to enjoy the fruits of this prosperity in the decades to come. This connection exists, therefore, between all of us, regardless of nationality, language or traditions. And hence, the most important winner remains our Romania.

I thank you all and I trust I will be among you in the springtime, next year.

**La Croix de Luisant, Switzerland
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