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### The 75th Anniversary of Professor Ioan Ursu

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To the Assembly of the Romanian Academy

Mister Chair, Ladies and Gentlemen.

I am honored to speak to your distinguished audience for celebrating the 75th anniversary of Professor Ioan Ursu.

Between 1970 and 1975 Professor Ursu built up the modern campus of science and technology at Magurele-Bucharest. There he erected the new buildings of Lasers, Solid State, Department of Physics of the University of Bucharest, Institute of Materials, Linear Accelerator, Radiochemistry, Nuclear Medicine, and Dosimetry. These are 8 new buildings in number, out of a total of 17. In addition, he erected at Magurele the administrative Tower of the campus, 400 apartments for researchers and 800 places in student residencies. After completing his work, between 1975 and 1989, Professor Ursu has personally given a high momentum to new and original research in lasers, spectroscopy, solid-state, materials and nuclear equipment. The Institute of Atomic Physics at Magurele-Bucharest gained a worldwide fame under his leadership. This is why I feel our duty now on this occasion to call the scientific place there **The National Campus of Science and Technology "Ioan Ursu" at Magurele-Bucharest**. I call for your generous support to see it the official name of our place at Magurele.

Scientific research has an internal hierarchy. Aside of Mathematics, which is probably an Art, Physics is at the top of sciences, as being the most mathematized and having the greatest social relevance. For more than two decades Professor Ioan Ursu has been on the top of scientific research in Physics. This research has been performed at Magurele, which is the place of the greatest relevance in the Romanian scientific research. This place has been put onto the modern track of the scientific research through the visionary statesman work of Professor Ursu.

Today, when we are by far unable even in the least to match such great achievements, we can only bow with piety before Founding Fathers like Professor Ursu: Many Happy Returns of the Day, Professor!

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