

Prof. Florin Pop 65 years

It is my pleasure to speak a few words in the name of the international lighting world. Of course I am very sorry I cannot do that in the Romanian language.

Florin Pop entered the international lighting world some 15 – 20 years ago and he quickly earned himself an important place within renowned lighting experts from around the globe. In fact he has put Cluj Napoca on the lighting world map: one of the places in the world with a university where lighting is taught and lighting research is carried out on a high quality level.

Florin Pop not only impressed us as a lighting researcher, he especially impressed us also as a human being. That combination of a real good, enthusiastic lighting specialist with real human interest in his colleagues made Florin special in our world. When we got the invitation of participating in the celebrations of his 65th anniversary and his upcoming retirement, all non Romanian lighting people present here tonight did not check their agenda but just thought: we will of course come and if needed we will adapt our agenda. It was nice that Florin arranged for a one day international Lighting Symposium of high quality again but to be honest we really came for the celebration tonight!

Florin is not the man liking to stand at the front row but in his very own manner he is very good at building up good relationships with professional colleagues and his international network very quickly has become impressive: he even brought lighting experts from Asia to Cluj and he himself travelled to many places in the world where people were very happy to receive him. In this respect he has been a real ambassador for Romania and Romania should be proud to have a professor like Florin. Once again I believe that he has reached all of this especially because of his outstanding human approach.

I hope and trust that everything what Florin Pop has build up will continue to flourish and we, his friends from the international lighting world, hope to see him again wherever in the world and perhaps in 2 years from now in Cluj Napoca at the occasion of a next International Lighting Symposium (where Florin hopefully will support the organizers).

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