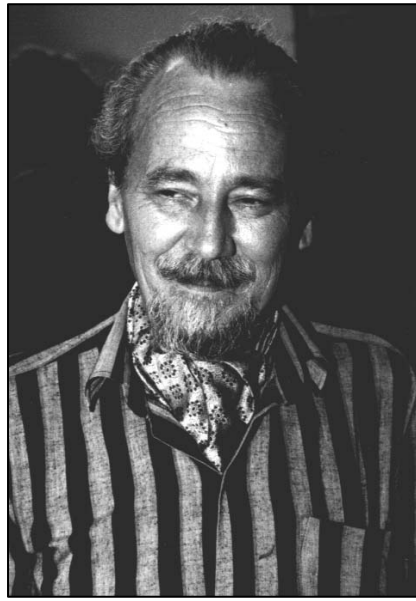


IN MEMORIAM

PETRE-MIHAI SAMSON

1930–2001



In April 2001, our distinguished colleague Petre-Mihai Samson passed away. His spirit is still alive among us. He will remain one of the most important scientists who decisively contributed to the development of paleontological studies in Romania.

Petre-Mihai Samson was born in Toulouse, France, on February 7, 1930. He studied at the “Sf. Apostoli” College in Ploiești, then at the University of Bucharest. He graduated the Faculty of Biology in 1955 and started his paleontological studies at the “Emil Racoviță” Institute of Speleology. One year later, he started excavations in the La Adam Cave (Central Dobruja) that he continued till 1980. He also organized excavations in other caves and rock shelters in the same area, bringing to light important sequences of strata containing Middle and Late Pleistocene mammalian remains associated on many levels with prehistoric implements.

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