

EUGEN ȘERBAN

1932–2001



On the 25th of September 2001 the Speleological Institute “Emil Racovitza” lost one of its most distinguished researchers, Eugen Șerban. He died of leukemia, only 7 days after reaching the age of 68.

Eugen Șerban was born in Bucharest the 13th of September 1932. His father, Nicolae Șerban, was a clerk at the National Bank and his mother, Aurelia Șerban, was a housewife. Eugene had a younger brother, Nicolae who became a marine officer.

Between 1943 and 1952, Eugen Șerban studied at the “Cantemir Vodă” National College, distinguishing himself as a very good pupil, especially gifted for drawing and painting. From 1952 to 1955, he attended the courses of the Faculty of Biology at the University of Bucharest. From his first year of faculty, he was guided by Professor Radu Codreanu (member of the Romanian Academy) toward the domain of the zoology of the invertebrates and from his second year of faculty he became a member of the students’ debating society for the study of hydrobiology, led by Professor Traian Orghidan.

After finishing his studies, in the autumn of 1955, Eugen Șerban was appointed main preparator in the Faculty of Biology at the Zoological Station in Sinaia where he studied the Simuliidae, describing some new species.