

IN MEMORIAM:

EMANOIL ȘTIUCĂ
1956–2013



On August 7th, 2013, the “Emil Racoviță” Institute of Speleology lost one of the most experienced and beloved researchers, Emanoil Știucă. He passed away unexpectedly and prematurely, shortly after he celebrated age of 57.

Emanoil Știucă – Emil, as he was called by his close friends, was born in Bucharest on July 12th, 1956. Between 1975 and 1979 he followed the courses of “Ion Creangă” National College. He was married to Narcisa Alexandra, ethnologist, senior lecturer at the University of Bucharest and he had a son.

From 1979 to 1983, he attended the courses of the Faculty of Geology and Geophysics at the University of Bucharest. Since then he proved a great leaning for paleontology.

After he finished his studies, in 1983, Emanoil Știucă worked as a geologist, first at IPGG (Institute of Petroleum, Gas and Geology) and then at IGG (Institute of Geology and Geophysics) in Bucharest. In 1987 he became researcher at IGG and then (1991) he joined ERIS (“Emil Racoviță” Institute of Speleology) under the guidance of Dr. Constantin Rădulescu and Dr. Petre-Mihai Samson. His scientific career was prematurely stopped immediately after he had achieved the Senior Researcher II degree.

As part of the ERIS research team, Emanoil Ştiucă focused on his main field of scientific interest – the mammals paleontology from Miocene to Pleistocene. He finished his Ph.D. about large carnivores in 2000 – *Paleontology of Neogene carnivores from the Dacian Basin*, at the University of Bucharest, under the supervision of Prof. Dr. Theodor Neagu. Among his activities, Emanoil Ştiucă described a large number of new taxa (mammals) and published numerous scientific papers (over 45).

Emanoil Ştiucă led or took part in numerous field campaigns both in caves (Scocul Scorotei, Lupşa Valley, La Adam, the high altitude caves from the Făgăraş Mountains etc.) and surface outcrops (ex. Drănic, Podari, Reghiu, Lupoiaia, Tetoiu, Copăceni, Movable etc). Emanoil Ştiucă was a founding member of the Romanian Society of Paleontologists.

The colleagues from “Emil Racoviţă” Institute of Speleology have lost a dedicated researcher and a very generous and good friend.

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