

Sorin Paliga

Curriculum Vitae

Born on June 21st., 1956 in the town of Slatina, district Olt, Romania. Father, Mihai Paliga, was born on June 7, 1918, in the village of Șoimuș, district Sălaj, of Greek-Catholic confession; mother, Elena Paliga (Dinu), was born on March 24, 1924, in the village of Branișteea, district Dîmbovița, of Orthodox faith. The primary school was attended in mother's birthplace (1963–1971).

The high school was attended in Bucharest, *Liceul Mihai Viteazul* (1971–1975). From 1976 to 1980 attended the Faculty of Foreign Languages and Literatures, section Czech and English, and began the investigation of the Slavic heritage in Romanian, which developed later into studies regarding the archaic heritage in Romanian and southeast Europe. After a period of accumulations, a series of studies were published (see appended list). These approached various topics, mainly of linguistic, but also religious character. Some of them suggest interdisciplinary investigations.

In the period 1980-1990, I had several jobs: (1) Mineralimportexport, foreign trade company (1980-1992); (2) The Institute for Hydroenergetic Studies (1992–1994); (3) Czechoslovak Culture House, referee (1994–1989, January); (4) State Archives, researcher (January 1989–March 1990).

Beginning with March 1990, I was a journalist, initially with the weekly *Phoenix* (March-October 1990), then was among the founders of the weekly *Tinerama*, whose president was Max Banush, creator of the homonymous radio programme with Radio Free Europe. Between November 1990 and 1994, the *Tinerama* was by far the best weekly in Romania, then it began to fall into an inexorable crisis.

Between January and June 1996, I worked with the *Multimedia*, a foundation for the development of democracy, and then ran for the seat of Bucharest sector 3 mayor; I won the competition in the second round, and was appointed mayor on June 21st 1996. The mandate is for four years, and ended in June 2,000. For some time afterwards, I was programme director with *The National Agency for Public Servants* (until September 2001). From that date on, I have become active with the Faculty of

Foreign Languages and Literatures of the University of Bucharest, Department of Slavic Languages and Literatures, Czech Language.

I completed my doctoral thesis *Romance and Pre-Romance Influences in South Slavic*, and the title PhD on May 29, 1998.

I got grants for studies in Prague (1978, 1979, 1985), Bratislava (1980), Ljubljana (1992 and 1993), and attended international conferences and symposia: December 1993 in Limoges, France: *Avenir et aspectualisation*, semiotics; september 1996 in Gelsenkirchen, Germany: Future Studies; Medana, Slovenia, 1997, literary meeting: *Days of Poetry and Wine*; 2000, Sofia-Jambol, 8th International Congress of Thracology; 2001, December, Ljubljana, Slovenia: *Obdobja* Symposium; Etymologické Symposion, Brno, Czech Republic, September 2002; 2003 – International Congress of Slavists, Ljubljana, Aug. 15–20; 2008 – International Congress of Slavists, Ohrid, Macedonia, Sept. 10–16.

In 2001 I also took an active part in reorganising the *Romanian Association of Slavic Studies*, which vice-president I was until May 2006.

Since March 2002, am the moderator of *Education*, a weekly programme with REALITATEA TV, until October 2003.

One of the active members of Macintosh User Group Romania, gathered together mainly in the forum www.macuser.ro.

I am married to Rodica Paliga (Dima), born on January 10, 1961, teacher of Latin and French, and have three children: Mihai-Uar (born on February 12, 1987), Bucur-Ioan (born on February 26, 1988), and Rora Daina Maria (born on December 28, 1999).

I am author of various books and studies.

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