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for the nations românia



Year End  
Report 2015



## International Medical Workshop Constanza, Romania 2015

Introducing  
paediatric  
laparoscopic  
surgery

In addition to open surgery for children with severe abdominal malformations, we were able to introduce Paediatric Laparoscopic, or Minimally Invasive Surgery, to this year's workshop with the help of Dr. Reza Vahdad of Cologne, Germany. Surgeons from Romania and The Republic of Moldova experienced this training for the first time. An exciting new addition to the workshop that will benefit many children and become the way of the future the East, as it is in the West.



Dr. Doina Haidarli and Dr. Igor Ambros of The Republic of Moldova, recipients of the NHR Scholarship to the Kinderskrankenhaus of Cologne, Germany, with Prof. Dr. Thomas Boemers.



# International Medical Workshop

Constanza, Romania 2015



Dr. Reza Vahdad

Prof. Dr. Sebastian Ionescu

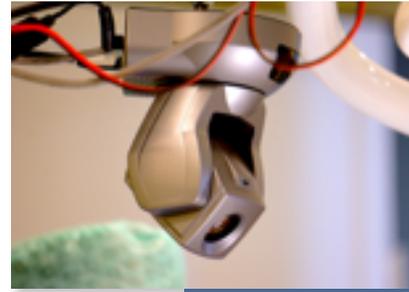
Surgeons come from all over Romania and Moldova to learn theory taught by Dr. Reza Vahdad and then began the process of practical application using pork livers and a manual simulator station.

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Prof. Dr. Roman Metzger



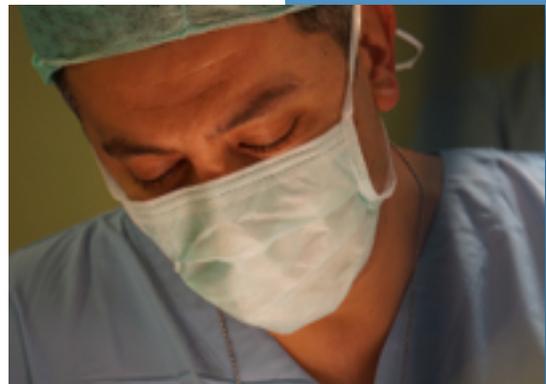
Surgery broadcast to the lecture hall via 2-way communication for live questions and responses



Prof. Dr. Constantin Tica



Dr. Mircea Ardelean

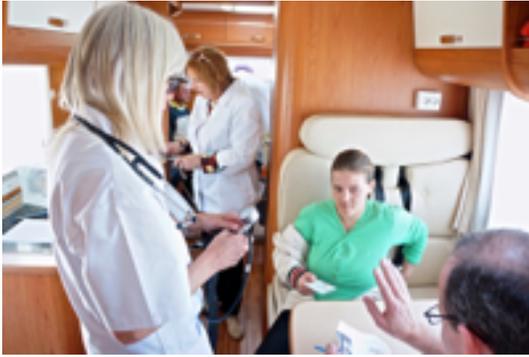


Each year, doctors from the west share their techniques with doctors from the East ..... This has a profound impact on the region

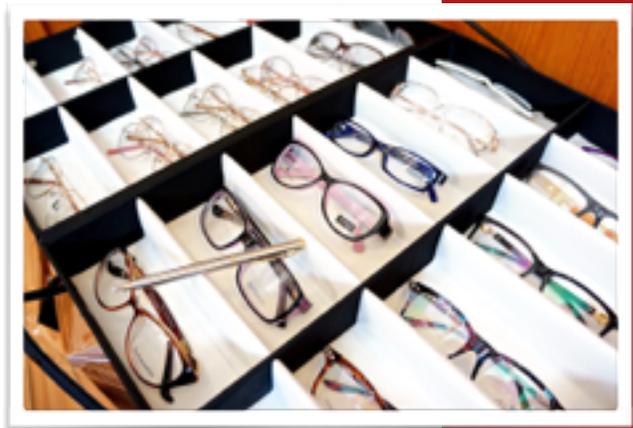


# Mobile Medical Unit

providing medical and optical access to the poor



poverty is still a main cause of the poor not having access to medical services



The Mobile Medical Unit project continues its endeavour to reach out to those who do not have access to proper medical services. Romania continues to struggle with medical care and each year the population hopes for positive changes in the system. Even with the backing of the EU, the infrastructure has not been stabilised. Though private clinics are springing up in the cities, only the upper middle class can take advantage of such alternatives. The majority of the country is still left wanting. This project is reaching out where it can to make a small difference.

As in the past, medical tests are expensive for the general public, yet once diagnosed, treatment is covered by the national insurance program. The team of doctors we work with helps to bridge that gap by offering diagnostic services for free. In addition, we offer free optical services including frames and lenses.



This year, Cornelia Iacob our jurist, graduated from The College of Optometry and is now our qualified Optometrist in the Mobile Medical Unit.



One of the greatest joys in life is to see clearly again!



Chris DeJong LPN, Volunteer nurse from Canada



# Medical Equipment Donations

fifth annual donated medical supplies pick up in Western Europe

For the fifth year running, the SALK hospital of Salzburg, Austria, has been a faithful supporter of this program by donating medical supplies to the hospitals of Romania. A wonderful way to give surplus from the West to those in need in the East. We are very grateful for their continued help!

In addition this year, the Kinderskrankenhaus of Cologne, Germany, and Saegerling Meditzintechnik of Dresden, Germany, came onboard by donating respirators and oxygen machines. This is a very welcomed addition to the program this year, something desperately needed in our region of Brasov, and also in Bucharest.





Patient in Bucharest, Romania, benefiting from greatly needed respirator.

# Medical Assistance

when there's nowhere else to turn

For many years we have budgeted an amount for cases brought to our attention where surgery is just not available in Romania, or for bureaucratic reasons, someone is unable to access medical services. This year's recipient is Marius Simionesei who we travelled to Budapest, Hungary with, to have a cornea transplant. Marius is doing well and now has one brown eye and one blue! Other recipients of the program received cataract surgery and are very happy to see clearing after so many years of deteriorated sight.

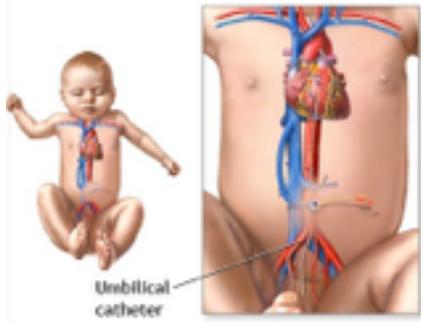


Cornea Transplant



Cataract surgery





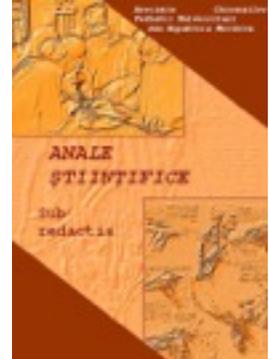
# Advocating for Change

Update: Success in changing antiquated medical procedure now published in The Journal of Paediatric Surgery, Chisinau

Last year we traveled to Rome, Italy to speak with top professors about a procedure still being used in The Republic of Moldova called Umbilical Catheterization. Though only used in emergencies, this procedure is antiquated and can cause liver failure in children in a high percentage of cases. As a result of our efforts, we were able to see change to this procedure and the adopting of the vascular option used in the West. The findings and changes have been published in the Journal of Paediatric Surgeons Association, Scientific Annals of the Association of Paediatric Surgery, Vol.. XIV, Chisinau 2014. authored by Dr. Natalia Cojusneanu who was part of our team to Italy.



Dr. Natalia Cojusneanu



# Syrian Refugee Crisis



**Extending a helping hand to those fleeing war and devastation**

Thousands upon thousands of people fleeing war and destruction of their homes have crossed dangerous waters and walked across Europe to find sanctuary. One of the largest migrations in modern history. Hope for the Nations - Romania endeavours to help in the short term where we can with food and supplies. We will look at our long term goals in 2016 as the EU establishes registration and placement.





# Mobile Classroom

keeping children in school and teaching adults literacy

The Mobile Classroom Project is now in its 6th year of operation. This project offers after school programs for children of all ages to help keep them at grade level as well as literacy programs for adults. It provides school supplies, educational field trips, and a daily presence of a qualified educator

who truly cares for the families she works with.

In most of Romania, if a child is not at grade level, there is no option for them but to drop out and take their chances without an education. This means service jobs at the lowest pay-scale which are not enough to live on.



Our program helps to keep a group of about 75 children in school so that they have a real chance at a good future!



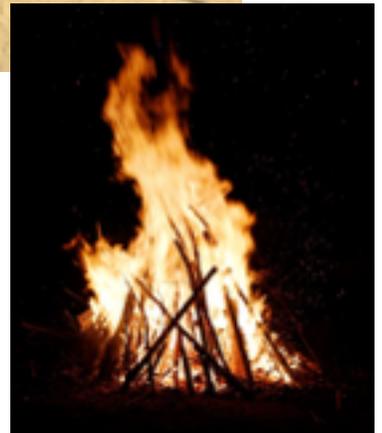


# Kids Camp

Offering kids from all our projects a chance to experience Summer Camp

It's always such a great joy for kids to go to camp. Especially those who would normally not be able to attend without some assistance. For the 7th time, Ecaterina Guguianu took on the task to manage this event and transport the children to enjoy campfires, skits, songs, art work, life skills, good food, sports, and sheer fun ... the kids look forward to this all year!

50 children from our projects attended our seventh summer kids camp



# Hampers

bringing joy via provisions for the Easter and Christmas seasons



This program is in it's 13th year. It is always our privilege to bring Easter and Christmas provisions to our sponsored families. Over 300 beneficiaries in total. It's a huge undertaking to deliver months worth of supplies to so many. It takes all our team and a few volunteers to pull it off. ... we love it ...

