



Ceremony for awarding the  
***Doctor Honoris Causa***  
distinction to His Excellency  
**Professor Aharon Oren, Ph. D.,**  
The Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

## Motivation

The Babeş-Bolyai University of Cluj-Napoca has awarded the Doctor Honoris Causa distinction to Professor Aharon Oren, at The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Israel, in recognition of his significant contributions to microbiology, microbial physiology and ecology, as well as his extensive research on the ecosystem of the Dead Sea. He has expanded our understanding of the biochemical and physiological mechanisms that allow halophilic organisms to adapt to high-salinity environments. Additionally, he has made important contributions to the taxonomy of prokaryotic organisms.

The awarding ceremony took place on October 17, 2019. Professor Aharon Oren held an extensive lecture entitled “Romanian Microbes and Romanian Microbiologists – A Personal View”, in which he explored the significant discoveries of prominent Romanian biologists. Furthermore, he highlighted the connections to the Romanian scientific community, which he has developed throughout his career.