

# American-Romanian Academy of Arts and Sciences

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The **American Romanian Academy of Arts and Sciences (ARA)**<sup>[1] [2] [3] [4]</sup> is an international academic research and educational institution that conducts and supports multidisciplinary studies in exact sciences, mathematics, natural sciences, and also supports the arts, linguistics, literature, political studies and sociology. As an institution its main goal is to foster cultural exchanges between the American and Romanian cultures<sup>[5]</sup>.

ARA sponsors conferences, annual congresses<sup>[6] [7]</sup>, organizes research projects, and publishes its own peer-reviewed international journal under the title "*Journal of the American Romanian Academy of Arts and Sciences*."<sup>[8] [9]</sup>, as well as an ARA Newsletter for its membership<sup>[10]</sup>.



The Romanian branch of ARA<sup>[11]</sup> has its center in Timisoara, Romania, that is closely coordinated with the US main organization. At present, ARA also enjoys the support of its scholarly activities by the Carol I National Defence University<sup>[12]</sup>.

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## Areas of interest

ARA is presently supporting specific research activities in the following areas:

1. Law. Politics. 2. Philosophy. Theology. 3. History. Anthropology. 4. Linguistics. Literature. 5. Economy. Environment. 6. Biology. Medicine. 7. Education 8. Physics and Chemistry. 9. Engineering. Applied Mathematics.

## Educational activities

ARA also organizes educational courses at various times in specific areas such as, for example: Mathematics, Fluid Mechanics, Economics, Romanian and American History, Comparative History of Religions, Romanian Folklore and American Literature correlates, Aesthetics, Folk Dancing, Folklore Quilting and Paintings.

The engineering and computing courses organized in collaboration with the Romanian Branch of ARA in Timișoara are especially popular, and attracted large audiences of both students and faculty<sup>[13]</sup>.

## Honorary Members

The list of past and present ARA Honorary Members includes: Nobel Laureate George Palade, King Michael I of Romania, Mircea Eliade, Ambassador David Funderbruk (USA) and Eugen Ionesco<sup>[14]</sup>. King Michael was also elected an Honorary Member of the Romanian Academy in 2007<sup>[15] [16]</sup>.

## Latest six ARA Congresses

(35) in 2011 - Polytechnic University of Timișoara, Timișoara, Romania, July 6 - 10, (Honorary Chairman - Prof. Dr. Eng. Nicolae Robu, Rector of University "Polytechnica" of Timișoara, Chairwoman - Prof. Dr. ing Ioana Ionel)<sup>[17] [18]</sup>

(34) in 2010 - "**Carol I**" **National Defense University**, Bucharest, Romania, May 18 - 23, (Honorary Chairman - Lt. General Prof. Dr. Teodor Frunzeti, Rector of "*Carol I*" *National Defence University*, Chairman - Professor Dr. Marius Hanganu)<sup>[19]</sup>

(33) in 2009 - **Sibiu Alma Mater University**, Sibiu, Romania, June 02 - 07, (Honorary Chairman - Prof. Dr. Nicolaie Georgescu, Rector of SAMU, Chairman - Prof. Dr. Mircea Cosma)

(32) in 2008 - **Wentworth Institute of Technology**, Boston, MA, USA, July 22 - 26, (Honorary Chairman - Dr. Zorica Pantic Chairman - Assistant. Prof. Dr. Ilie Tălpășanu)

(31) in 2007 - **TRANSILVANIA University**, Brasov, Romania, July 31 - August 5, (Honorary Chairman - Prof. Dr. Ion Visa, Chairman - Assoc. Prof. Dr. Elena Doval)

(30) in 2005 - **Academy of Economic Studies**, Chișinău, Republic of Moldova, July 5 - 10, (Honorary Chairman - Prof. Dr. Hab. Grigore Belostecnic, Chairman - Prof. Dr. Hab. Dumitru Todoroi).<sup>[20]</sup>



Polytechnic University of Timișoara established in 1920, during the reign of King Ferdinand of Romania

## See also

- King Micahel I of Romania
- Carol I of Romania
- King Ferdinand I of Romania
- George Palade
- Mircea Eliade
- Eugen Ionesco
- American Academy of Arts and Sciences
- Polytechnic University of Timișoara
- Carol I National Defence University
- European CNRS Franco-Romanian Associated Laboratories
- French National Centre for Scientific Research (CNRS)
- French Academy of Sciences (French: *Académie des sciences*)



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## External links

- The American Romanian Academy of Arts and Sciences website <sup>[21]</sup>
- ARA Branch in Romania with the center at the **University "Politehnica" of Timisoara** <sup>[22]</sup>
- American Academy of Arts and Sciences Home page <sup>[23]</sup>
- The official website of The Romanian Royal Family <sup>[24]</sup>
- The National Defence University Carol I <sup>[25]</sup>
- Official website of CNRS <sup>[26]</sup>
- L'Académie française <sup>[27]</sup> (**French**), (*The French Academy*)
- Michael of Romania semi-official website <sup>[28]</sup>
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## Not to be confused with

- Romanian Academy
- American Academy of Arts and Sciences
- American Academy of Arts and Letters

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