

**Professor Adrian Săftoiu, MD, PhD, MSc, FASGE, AGAF** has a long standing expertise as a senior gastroenterologist, being the **Chief of the Department of Gastroenterology and Hepatology, Elias Emergency University Hospital Bucharest, University of Medicine and Pharmacy "Carol Davila" Bucharest, Romania**. Prof. Săftoiu graduated in 1995 in the Faculty of Medicine, University of Craiova, followed by specializations in internal medicine (2000) and gastroenterology (2002). He acted from 2005 to 2022 as the **Scientific Director of the Research Center of Gastroenterology and Hepatology Craiova, University of Medicine and Pharmacy Craiova, Romania**, attracting multiple research grants won through competition, with a consequent scientific production of over 300 articles indexed in Web of Science, with over 8000 citations.

Prof. Săftoiu has received intensive training in advanced diagnostic and therapeutic endoscopy, with emphasis on endoscopic ultrasound (EUS) and endoscopic retrograde cholangiopancreatography (ERCP), in several centers, including **University Hospital Aarhus and Gentofte University Hospital, Denmark**. Short-term training in confocal laser endomicroscopy ensued at **Johannes Gutenberg University of Mainz, Germany**. Also, a telemedicine training of 4 months took place at the **East-West Space Sciences Center, Computer and Space Sciences Building, University of Maryland at College Park, USA**. From September 2012, Prof. Săftoiu holds a position of Visiting Clinical Professor at the Department of Endoscopy, **Copenhagen University Herlev Hospital, Denmark**. Also, from 2017, Prof. Săftoiu holds a position of Visiting Professor at **MD Anderson Cancer Center, Houston, Texas, USA**.

Scientific activity of Prof. Săftoiu included publication of 362 Web of Science Core Collection articles, cited 10796 times (7496 citing articles without self-citations) in other journals (Clarivate Analytics – WOS Core Collection accessed 1<sup>st</sup> January 2024), leading to a **Hirsch index (h-index) of 49**. According to Google Scholar, there are 19256 citations with an **h-index of 65**. Also, Dr. Săftoiu published 30 books and book chapters, including 9 international books and book chapters. Prof. Săftoiu coordinated as director or scientific responsible 5 international and 15 national research grants won through competition, and he was member in other 3 international and 17 national research grants won through competition, as well as 7 investigator-driven multicentric clinical trials. Current grants include a **twinning research grant won in the HORIZON EUROPE framework** (HORIZON-WIDERA-2021-ACCESS-03: Twinning) with the partners being University of Medicine and Pharmacy Carol Davila Bucharest - RO (coordinator), Copenhagen University Hospital Herlev - DK, Amsterdam University Medical Center - NL and London University College - UK.

Prof. Săftoiu is member of several scientific societies in Romania and abroad, including the **Executive Board of the European Federation of Societies of Ultrasonography in Medicine and Biology (EFSUMB) and World Federation of Ultrasonography in Medicine and Biology (WFUMB), European Society of Gastrointestinal Endoscopy (ESGE), Fellow of the American Society of Gastrointestinal Endoscopy (FASGE) and American Gastroenterological Association (AGAF)**. Experience as an evaluator is based on the "peer-review" activity in the following journals: Gastroenterology, Pancreatology, Gastrointestinal Endoscopy, Endoscopy, Journal of Pancreas, World Journal of Gastroenterology, European Journal of Ultrasound (Ultraschall in der Medizin), Journal of Gastrointestinal and Liver Diseases, Journal of Clinical Ultrasound, etc. Evaluation activity included national research competitions, as well as evaluation for **E.C. FP7 projects, Hong-Kong Research Grants Council, Swiss National Science Foundation and Catalan Agency for Health Technology Assessment**. Dr. Săftoiu is a member of the Editorial Board of Endoscopic Ultrasound Journal, Journal of Gastrointestinal and Liver Diseases and Medical Ultrasonography, as well as in other indexed journals, including Ultrasound International Open (Editor in Chief), archives of the Medical Balkan Union or Current Health Sciences Journal.

Current research interests include usage of artificial intelligence in diagnostic EUS (including elastography and contrast-enhanced examinations), hybrid fusion imaging techniques (including co-registered EUS-CT/MR, EUS-guided CLE, etc.), therapeutic EUS (including digestive anastomoses), natural orifice transluminal endoscopic surgery (NOTES and EUS-guided NOTES procedures), etc. Development of a multicentric clinical trial on pancreatic cancer organoids derived from EUS-guided fine needle biopsy material is the main research subproject of the HORIZON-WIDERA-Twinning Grant.