

**Message to**  
**The 1<sup>st</sup> Romanian Society of Hadrontherapy (RSH) Workshop**  
**by Mr. Valică GOREA,**  
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***Ladies and Gentlemen,***

The Romanian Nuclear Agency is happy to attend the procedures of the first workshop dedicated to **RADIOTHERAPY WITH NEUTRON AND PROTON BEAMS AS INTER - AND MULTI - DISCIPLINARY R&D**, an important international scientific event that gather together prominent personalities from all the domains connected with the nuclear medicine research and knowledge. We also take this opportunity to welcome the participation of the experts from IAEA Viena, the main international counterpart and the main provider of technical assistance within the TC Programs developed under the Country Program Framework signed between Romania and IAEA in 2007. We have to give a special mention to the common efforts in the field of nuclear medicine made by IAEA and Romanian Nuclear Agency, its National Contact Point, that have been focused on a national project for diversification of nuclear non-power applications in medicine and commissioning of regional Positron Emission Tomography (PET). The earliest known descriptions of cancer appear in seven papyri, discovered and deciphered late in the 19th century.

They provided the first direct knowledge of Egyptian medical practice.

Two of them, known as the "Edwin Smith" and "George Ebers" papyri, contain descriptions of cancer written around 1600 B.C., and are believed to date from sources as early as 2500 B.C.

The Smith papyrus describes surgery, while the Ebers' papyrus outlines pharmacological, mechanical, and magical treatments. In the modern times, although science and surgery advanced as physicians returned to direct observation of the human body and made great advance in understanding the structures, functions and chemistry of living organisms, the fascinating hadrontherapy world still brings several drops of magic and hope in the fight against the unseen enemy. The Romanian Nuclear Agency, in its capacity of consultative and policy making body of the Romanian Government in the nuclear field, is permanently determined to encourage and sustain scientific events like this, with a view to the further development of the nuclear research and applications in all the fields of the sustainable development of the country. Ladies and gentlemen, allow me on behalf of the Nuclear Agency, to congratulate the organizers and wish The 1<sup>st</sup> Romanian Society of Hadrontherapy (RSH) Workshop success in accomplishing its objectives.

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