

**VASILICA IAVORSCHI**  
**1948–2019**



On 29 October 2019, the researchers of “Emile Racovitza” Institute of Speleology lost one of their most dear colleague and friend, Vasilica Iavorschi, due to an unforgiving illness.

Vasilica Iavorschi was born on 3<sup>rd</sup> November 1948 in Eforie-Sud, Constanța County. Between 1963–1967, she studied at “D. Bolintineanu” National College in Bucharest.

Since 1967, she followed the courses of the Faculty of Biology at the University of Bucharest, graduating in 1972.

In 1973, she joined the Institute of Speleology.

She studied the Acarina-Macrochelidae and also collaborated at the description of a new species of *Armadillidium* (Oniscidea, Isopoda) from the Movile Cave.

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Her studies covered a wide range of topics: the reproduction and the development of the populations of *Macrocheles*, the systematics and the phylogeny of the cavernicolous Acarina (especially Gamasida) of Romania (particularly the area between Olt, Cerna and Jiu rivers) and the associations of Acarina found in the guano deposits of Romanian caves.

Also, she studied the Macrochelidae (Acarina, Gamasida) from Cuba, Venezuela and Israel.

The colleagues from the “Emile Racovitza” Institute of Speleology lost a very good and generous friend with a wonderful sense of humor able to brighten even the darkest day.

All her colleagues and friends, who appreciated and loved Vasilica Iavorschi, will affectionately remember her.

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