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*Message to the 40<sup>th</sup> ARA Congress participants*

In occasion of the 40<sup>th</sup> ARA Congress I would like to greet all the participants and send to all of you, one by one, all my best wishes and warm regards, wishing you a lively and successful Congress. I am really sorry not to be there with you physically, but my heart is there!

This is a special Congress, the 40<sup>th</sup> one, for the American-Romanian Academy of Arts and Sciences, an organization setting the frame and pursuing a fruitful and lively collaboration among intellectuals originating from Romania and Moldova, as well as friends and colleagues from many other countries.

We have achieved many results in the past and also were witnessing historical changes. Our aims and goals adapted to the new international context, progressed and evolved. Arts and Sciences will never stop progressing, since they are the backbone of our civilization.

In the framework of ARA we have the honor and pleasure to be part of the wonderful adventure of Arts and Sciences, and also bring a piece of Romania with us, wherever we are, now and in the future.



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