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Cradle of Romanian culture and spirituality, Targoviste hosted since the early fifteenth century major cultural and spiritual events, becoming a proactive core of humanistic learning development, and one of the first printed books achievement in the territory of the Romanian territory of Wallachia.

Targoviste's long cultural tradition is animated in the last 16 years by creating and developing "Valahia" State University, prestigious institution with European vocation, which put its imprint on the economic, social, political and religious life in the former Wallachian capital.

In 2008, commemorating five centuries since the remarkable prince of Wallachia, Radu the Great (1508-2008), passed away, "Valahia" State University of Targoviste, together with the Academy of Romanian Scientists organized "Radu the Great" Symposium. Its papers were entirely dedicated to the late prince, which contributed essentially to the increased cultural and spiritual value of Targoviste in his reign, by imposing a humanist spirit through introduction of printing for the first time in his country.

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We welcome the presence of some important personalities of Romanian culture and science at this symposium, including Professor Vasile Candea Ph.D., Army General (r) – president of Academy of Romanian Scientists, Professor Florea Oprea Ph.D. and Ph.D. Eng. – president of the Targoviste Branch of Academy of Romanian Scientists and moderator of conference, Professor Radu Stefan Vergatti Ph.D. – who had the idea of organizing the symposium at Targoviste, Professor Florin Rotaru Ph.D. – General Manager of Bucharest Metropolitan Library, Professor Dinu Sararu – writer and member of Academy of Romanian Scientists, Associate Professor Agnes Erich Ph.D. Lecturer – Valahia University of Targoviste Library Manager. We also enjoyed participating in this symposium of numerous academics, professors, researchers, and students.

We welcome all in Targoviste, at Valahia University, and we assure all of our full readiness to development in optimal conditions of symposium “Radu the Great” papers.
