

## In Memory

# My Friendship with Dr. Alexandru Ceapa

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### ABSTRACT

This is my brief recollection of my friendship with Dr. Alexandru Ceapa who passed away in 2006.

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My friendship with Dr. Alex Ceapa started back in 2002, when he first contacted me by e-mail. I was kind of surprised, when he told me that he had read one short paper that I had written about the variability of the speed of light. After that we started communicating, exchanging e-mails, and he was kind enough to send me some of the issues of the Romanian Astronomical Journal. At one point he mentioned that he was working on some ideas relating to special relativity, and that he was in need of one of Heisenberg's books. I sent to him the book since it was going to be great help for him, and he was indeed very happy about it. I admit that, I have to study his work carefully to a greater extent in order to understand what he was after.

Dr. Ceapa occasionally expressed his bitterness about some of the physics journals and their peer reviewed process in relation to his work. Sometime in 2006 he trusted me with one of his books and at the same time he told that he was very sick and that doctors gave him only three months to live. He also told me to proceed with the registration of his book in the Library of Congress. So I did, and the Library of Congress wrote back to me for some more information. I e-mailed again and again back to Alex but there was no answer, which made me realize that what he had told me had already become an unavoidable reality. I tried to find his possible relatives, and I even asked some of my Romanian colleagues but nobody could help me. A year and a half later I found through a British Library internet site that he had passed away. I never met Alex in person but his friendly Balkan personality made me feel that we were friends for long time.

**Dumnezeu sa binecuvanteze sufletul tau, Alexandru!**