

The 100th Anniversary Gala of the Cluj University Club

On Saturday 28 September, at 11.00 a.m., the 100th Anniversary Gala of the Cluj University Club, known as “U” Cluj, took place at the Students’ Culture House. The Anniversary started with the National Anthem played by the brass band of the 4th Infantry Division Gemina – conductor Daniel Munteanu. Then, the “U” Cluj Anthem was sung by a men’s choir of the Transylvania State Philharmonic – master conductor Prof. Dr. Cornel Groza. The closing piece of music of the Anniversary Gala was the musical composition signed by Călin Goia, the soloist of the Voltaj band, a composition dedicated to “U” Cluj.

The host of the Anniversary Gala was the director of the “U” Club, Ovidiu Vasu who, alongside the moderators Ramona Maxim and Florin Pruteanu, presented all the 21 sections of the club: athletics, boxing, men’s and women’s basketball, bodybuilding and fitness, weightlifting, men’s and women’s handball, judo, swimming, skating, men’s and women’s rugby, cross-country skiing, scrabble, fencing, tennis, men’s and women’s volleyball, horse riding, wrestling. Over time, these sections have earned top positions in national and international rankings (Olympic Games, World Championships/World Cups, European Championships, etc.) through the athletes and trainers of the club selected in the national Romanian teams in various sports and sports disciplines.

Each section was represented on the stage by athletes who empathized with the veterans attending the event and with the audience who had the opportunity to see their past and present idols alive: Vasile Bogdan, Aurel Ursu Palade, Eva Zorgo Raduly/athletics, Floare Anca, Magdalena Pall Jerebie, Mircea Barna, Emerich Vizi, Matei Ruhrig, Aurora Dragoș, Svetlana Simion, Marcel Țenter/basketball, Constantin Tudosie, Gheorghe Zamfir, Marcel Florean, Florina Chintoan/handball, Florin Bercean, Simona Richter, Laura Moise/judo, Octavian Chihai, Radu Munteanu, Ștefan Ionescu, Jean Balint, Petre Motrescu, Gheorghe Sabău, Mircea Rusu/rugby, Doina Meseșan, Sorin Macavei, Marcel Popa, Neculae Pop/volei, Peter Habala, Radu Dărăban/fencing, Titu Turcu/tennis, Septimiu Crivei/scrabble, Virgil Ganea/cross-country skiing, Horia Timiș/skating, Orosz Ecaterina/swimming, Aurel Șuteu/wrestling, Răzvan Sotiriu/horse riding, Mihai Florea/bodybuilding, Octavian Mățiș/boxing.

It should not be forgotten that “U” Cluj also meant football. The following were present: Sorin Bagi, Remus Vlad, Marcel Lăzăreanu, Vasile Dobrău, Simion Moguț, Alexandru Matei, Stelian Gherman, Dorin Barbu, Patriciu Abrudan, Tiberiu Poratzki, Meszaros Alpar, Nicușor Bucur, Belodedici, the last being a great surprise.



Image of the Anniversary Gala opening.



The veteran of the oval ball game (rugby), Prof. Dr. Radu Munteanu, former Rector of the Technical University Cluj, addresses the audience.



Group picture of the veteran athletes, at the end of the Anniversary Gala.

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