



**Cristina Rusu, MD, PhD**

**Treasurer UEMS Section of Medical Genetics**

Cristina Rusu studied medicine in the University of Medicine and Pharmacy in Iasi, Romania and trained in Paediatrics and in Medical Genetics, being now a consultant in both specialties. She prepared her PhD thesis on diagnosis optimization in X-linked intellectual disability (defended in 2000) and started academic career. In 2015 she defended her habilitation thesis and became a PhD supervisor. Now she is Professor in “Grigore T Popa” University of Medicine and Pharmacy in Iasi and head of the Regional Medical Genetics Centre in Iasi (covering a population of 4.5 million people). Her areas of expertise include diagnosis of dysmorphic syndromes and intellectual disability cases and optimization of investigation protocol for a better use of medical resources.

Special achievements: treasurer and later vicepresident of the Romanian Society of Medical Genetics (2006-2014); Romanian delegate for the European Commission meeting where they decided the recognition of Medical Genetics specialty as an European specialty (2009); Head of the Doctoral School Council in “Grigore T Popa” University of Medicine and Pharmacy in Iasi (2016-2021); coordinator of Orphanet Romania (2010-present); elected member of the European Society of Human Genetics board (2019-2023); examiner in the first European exam of Medical Genetics (2019); Romanian delegate for UEMS Medical Genetics Section (2021).

As a treasurer of the UEMS Genetics Section she will encourage the empowerment of Medical Genetics as an European specialty and the recognition of as many young colleagues as possible as European specialists in the field.