

Haim Figlear

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A Romanian student at Italian universities

Haim Figlear was born in Tighina in Romania 11 October 1911; his parents were Abramo and Mindlea Bersadschi.

He had begun his studies in medicine and surgery in Romania at Jasi (years I-III) and then moved to Italy. He attended the University of Modena (years IV-VI) before going on to Bologna from 1937-38 to 1938-39 (*fuori corso*)¹. With a transfer certificate for the University of Siena on 18 January 1939, he enrolled there on 30 January 1939 as a student «*fuori corso*» that is, without completing the exams (student number 2087). The date is surprising considering the regulations that actually prevented foreign students from going «*fuori corso*»². He enrolled for his degree viva on 23 June 1939 and graduated on 15 July 1939. From the meagre correspondence between the secretariat of Siena and the Soviet authorities during the 1950, it can be inferred that after the war Haim Figlear returned to his native town, which after 1944 had become part of the Moldovan Soviet Socialist Republic³.

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³ The correspondence is contained in the request from the Soviet authorities for the degree documentation (cf. *ibid.*).

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