

Ion Anton

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Ion Anton, chemist, professor, writer, community leader, was born on January 20, 1942, in Hermeziu, Iași County - Romania. **Education:** 1949-1956 - General and elementary school in Hermeziu. 1956-1959 - The "Petrol-Chimie" School Group, Iași. 1959-1963 - Vasile Alecsandri High School, Iași. 1963-1970 - Gheorghe Asachi Polytechnic Institute, Iași - Faculty of industrial chemistry, licensed with the thesis "Nitrogen Substances Technology". **Research functions and activities:** 1967-1970 - Professor of chemistry and resistance of materials - High School, Iași. 1970-1973 - Chemical Engineer, Therapy Drug Factory, Cluj - Alkalize Section, Vișeu de Sus-Maramureș and chemistry teacher at the local High School. 1973-1977 - Local industry processing of plastic masses, Carbonated drinks factory, Iași. As a professor at the high school of chemistry, Iasi 1974, he published the study "Carbonated drinks in Romania". 1977-1980 - County Inspector for the local industry (Iasi). Same year was appointed by the State Secretariat, Inspector for the Ministry of Commerce and the Ministry of Food Industries. 1980-1994 - Commercial Director for the local industry enterprise in Iași. 1982 - Marketing Studies - Bucharest. 1995 - **Emigrated to America** - Los Angeles, California, with his family: his wife and their 2 children, Ana-Antoanela, a



medical doctor, and Ion Virgil, an Orthodox priest. 1995-1999 - **in the US**, site manager in civil constructions. 1999-2008 - Chemical Engineer at Golden West Refinery and Thrifty Oil Company. **Civic Activities, Film and Television:** 1996-2014 –Appointed electoral agent and finally electoral expert at the General Romanian Consulate of Los Angeles, by the Central Electoral Bureau of the Romanian Foreign Ministry, in all forms of elections and referendums in Romania. He has given interviews at TVR International 2008 and 2017, TVR-Iași 2003 and 2015. In 2013 – he acted in one of episodes of the TV series "Criminal Minds". **Publications:** Since 2000 he has approached the writing path in the US. He wrote articles, essays and documentaries for the Clipa Magazine, Romanian Roots, Romanian Meridian (Meridianul Romanesc), Miorița USA; In Romania, he published in Flacăra magazine, director Adrian Păunescu, Sentimental and the Romanian Family in Baia Mare; In Bessarabia, Ion Anton was published by the Voice of the Nation. He also published "Travel Notes", secular and religious poems and essays. **Community cultural activities:** 1996-2019 - lectured at Holy Trinity Church in Los Angeles and other Orthodox churches on the occasion of national events. Between September 30-October 4, 2009, he was part of an Official US delegation that visited The Romanian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Romanian Parliament (the Senate and the Chamber of Deputies), the Romanian Television and the Romanian Patriarchate being received by the Patriarch of Romania and the President of Romania Traian Băsescu. In 2008 he participated alongside with Poet Grigore Vieru at the Poetry Festival in Vanatori Neamț; also in Sighetul Marmăției- Maramureș, as well as the Poesis Festival, Satul Mare, and at the Hermeziu Poetry Festival, at the Costache Negruzzi memorial house. 2009 – He was part of the American commission which worked with City Hall in Iași, and the Romanian World Council, to have a bust of Grigore Vieru, placed in the Copou Park. In 2010 – Participant at the Commemoration of Grigore Vieru in Iași and Chisinau, lecturing at Ion Creangă University, Grigore Vieru Classroom and the Classics Park - Chisinau. In 2010 – was invited to lecture at the "Therapy through Hope" Cenacle, Iași, moderator Prof. Dr. Rodica Ghiuru. In 2013 was invited to lecture at The "Horizon of Knowledge" Cenacle, Iași. In 2018 – printed his autobiographical novel "Nihil Sine Deo - From Hermeziu to Los Angeles". **Awards and Distinctions:** 2000-2018 - Over 20 Diplomas of Excellence, Appreciation and Participation in multiple scientific and cultural activities in America, Romania and Bessarabia. **References:** Encyclopedia "Romanii din California", 2019; Nihil Sine Deo, 2018; "Christian Life-Viata Crestina" Magazine, and other publications. **Contributions:** *Ion Anton has a complex personality who has distinguished himself in Romania in pedagogical and research activities, and after arriving in the USA, he was actively involved in civic and community activities, and publicity, being published by a good number of publications in the US and around the world.*