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The first paper of this issue of *Maedica*, entitled “A Wonderful Mind”, is dedicated to Eugene Braunwald, the eminent cardiologist from Harvard who has now reached the age of 91. He is as active as at the beginning of his brilliant career.

Near and before this small text we published a paper regarding “Takotsubo Syndrome versus Neurogenic Stunned Myocardium”, written by another personality of medicine who is also 91 years old at present and has the same brilliant intelligence and vision in medicine: professor Leonida Gherasim from “Carol Davila” University of Medicine and Pharmacy in Bucharest, Romania.

I would like to share here some of my thoughts about these two personalities in just a few words. Both have Internal Medicine as primary specialty. Thereafter, after several years of practice, each of them got the second specialty that made them so famous – cardiology. I take this opportunity to notice that, in our days, internal medicine is only a short period of training during specialization in other fields of medicine. And I think this is not good for learning good medicine.

About the textbooks of Braunwald and his vision in medicine there are details in the mentioned editorial. Here I would like to mention that professor Gherasim was the editor-in-chief of a series of many Internal Medicine volumes of thousands of pages – the entire Internal Medicine – published in Romania. It is a giant work. These textbooks constituted the main reference



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for teaching medicine in this country during many years. Since long away, Harrison’s Principles of Internal Medicine is no more edited by a single person. But Professor Gherasim had the courage, knowledge and vision to take the editorial process of the *Romanian Textbook of Internal Medicine* – which is constituted by the specialty volumes edited by himself – into his own hands.

I am happy to see those brilliant medical personalities, Eugene Braunwald and Leonida Gherasim, being active at the age of 91 and giving such an outstanding stimulation to all doctors who love their profession.

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