## **FOREWORD**

Vaslui Chamber of Commerce Industry and Agriculture is honored to organize the foremost local business event from this year – Vaslui Top Companies 2006. The Chamber's mission, as representative part of the Vaslui business community, is to promote the local economic development, aiming to become the first choice partner and consultative center, by providing professional tailored services for the current and future commercial partners, in a competent, impartial and efficient manner.

Together with the team I led, we set as goals to redefine the role of Vaslui C.C.I.A. within the local business community, to transform our institution into a representative organization of the business environment in Vaslui county. In this respect, Vaslui Chamber of Commerce Industry and Agriculture was directly involved in organizing the most important business events, as business forums, conferences, seminars, trade fairs and exhibitions, or economical missions. Undoubtely, Vaslui Top of Companies is and will remain the meeting place for the most prestigious firms in the Vaslui county.

The context in wich this event develops is a special one. Thus, firms in order to offer a new begin for the local economies and for taking advantage of all opportunities offered by the accession to European Union, will be necessary investements in infrastructure, human resources, and has to be undertaken actions in order to restructure the existent industrial capacities. Also, to provide support services to the companies, especially to SMEs.

The Structural and Cohesion Funds allocated to Romania from 2007 until 2013 will lead to adjust the considerable existent disparities between the regions of the country, even inside the regions. From this reason, the partnership of all factors involved in the socio – economic environment such as local authorities, chambers of commerce, business associations, professional associations, civil society organizations, have an essential role for the absolution of the Structural Funds.

We are convinced that a high quality portofolio of projects, a constant assiduous work and a competitive management system will increase the number of local companies that will achieve good results – as those classified in "Top Companies – 2006". Concerning to ranking, we took into account 5330 companies. After we applied eliminatory economical criterions, went out 4881. According to working methodology – included into Directory – we selected 449 companies. From these, a number of 70 companies were classified on the first place, 50 on the second place, 43 occupied third position and 301 companies were positioned between first 10 positions. This year, beside the distinctions awarded to the directly exporters, we offered for the first time some trophies in order to highlight "The biggest residential project", "The Quality in constructions", "The year"s investor by EU financial programmes ", "Intelligent energy for Europe" and "Creativity trophy". We couldn't omit from our distinctions, "Vaslui Chamber of Commerce Industry and Agriculture's Trofhy" for the companies who were presented to the majority of our events.

Like in the past, the team of Vaslui C.C.I.A. expresses the respect and appreciation for the companies and businessmen who, through the economical – financial results registered at the end of 2006, are the winners of the fourtheen county edition of Vaslui Top of the Companies.

It is an honor for us to prize and promote their performances, with the occasion of the Prize Award Festivity and by the our Top of the Companies Directory from Vaslui County and we have fully trust into the capacity and the value the businessmen from Vaslui County that will prove in the future, too.

On behalf of Vaslui Chamber of Commerce Industry and Agriculture's Board I warmly congratulate all the participants to the Top of Companies, all being winners, facing with all responsibilities, cotidian stress and hard work, for their own business success and for attending the general economic results of Vaslui County.

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