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**DR. IOAN D. MARINESCU, THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
OF THE PRECISION MICRO-MACHINING CENTER
RECEIVED A VALUABLE HONORARY DOCTORATE**

Toledo, OH, June 25, 2001 - One week ago, during a ceremony at the Technical University "Gheorghe Asachi" of Iasi, Romania, Dr. Ioan D. Marinescu, Professor and Director of the Precision Micro-Machining Center of the College of Engineering, received the "Doctor Honoris Causa", a honorary doctorate for his contribution on fundamental research in the field of technical sciences.

Also, for the high quality cooperation between the University of Toledo, College of Engineering, and the Technical University "Gheorghe Asachi" of Iasi, Romania, Dr. Ioan Marinescu received the "Gheorghe Asachi Golden Medal", the highest distinction from this University.



PMMC is an integrated industry-academia research center. Its aim is to conduct research and development of micro-machining processes and technologies in order to facilitate their use in industry. Currently, it is attached to College of Engineering, University of Toledo in Ohio. The Precision Micro-Machining Center is in direct response to the increasing need of the industry for improving machining technology for difficult-to-machine materials. This center is mainly focussed on processing components requiring surfaces with roughness and tolerances at sub-micron and nano-meter levels. PMMC combines the resources and capabilities of industry, universities, and government agencies in a partnership to develop enabling technologies for efficient use of micro-machining. Industry co-operation helps to direct research programs and to address critical technological problems while university expertise is applied to micro-machining research for the benefit of all participating companies.