

# CONSTANTIN ALIMĂNEȘTIANU (1864-1911)



- ❖ Was born in December 1864, in Alimanesti commune, Olt County. He attended primary and secondary school in the country and the courses of Saint Louis Highschool in Paris, followed by courses of the Mining Superior School.
- ❖ In 1881, he obtains the graduation diploma as engineer in Paris
- ❖ He started his career at 1<sup>st</sup> of October 1892 as deputy engineer for the widening of the Bacau-Piatra Neamt railway, under the management of the engineer Anghel Salingy.
- ❖ In 1892, he is appointed manager of the Mining Service and balneary research of the Ministry of Properties and leads the prospection works for identifying artesian waters in Baragan
- ❖ He was a member of the Liberal Party and of the parliament for a number of times
- ❖ He led a series of oil related associations

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- ❖ Between 1900 – 1905 he holds the position of Mining, Industry and Commerce within the same Ministry
- ❖ In 1901, upon meeting the oil producers from Cămpina, he is elected the President of the Association of Oil industrialists and traders. In this quality, during the report presented approximately one year from set up, in March 1903, he steered the practical directions for the involvement of the association: increase of oil use as domestic fuel, by removing the coal import, extending the public lighting for cities with oil, by introduction to the National School of Bridges and Roads of a mine course that would prepare people for the oil industry, within the organization of Oil Congress, the voting in the Parliament of some patents.
- ❖ Known for his seriousness in 1903, he is appointed by the Government together with Dr. Ludovic Mrazec and Vintila Bratianu, in the Oil Commission, set up with the purpose of studying petroliferous fields and the origins of the oil pipeline Prahova-Constanta.

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- ❖ In 1904, he is elected president of the Association of Oil Exploitation and Production in Romania, being responsible for its organization, reorganization that supposes the involvement of the association in all economic, social, industrial and administrative issues.
- ❖ His biggest achievement in the service of the Romanian oil industry was the set-up of School of Driller Foreman in Campina, in 1904. The new location of Campina school, inaugurated in 1924, received the name of Mr. Alimanestianu. The benefits of the school created by C. Alimanestianu, are visible after 33 years, in 1937, when well execution was performed only by Romanian personnel.
- ❖ Between 1905-1911 he is chief of state Mining exploitation.
- ❖ In 1906, he is proposed President of the Association of the oil industry employees, association that had cultural and support purpose.

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- ❖ In 1900, 1905 and 1907 C. Alimanestianu represented Romania at the highest scientific forums - Oil International Congresses - held in Paris, Liege and Bucharest and by the communications sustained in these circumstances, he made the public aware of the Romania's richness.
- ❖ Related to the personality of C. Alimanesteanu, his scientific activity must not be ignored, supported by many studies, works, papers, articles, conferences, published in magazines such as: Oil Monitor, the Politehnic society Bulletin, the geographical society Bulletin, or as independent works.
- ❖ He had the initiative of founding the most serious magazine with oil industry content: the Monitor of the Romanian Petroleum Interests which in 1904 changes its name to Romanian Petroleum Monitor, the magazine with the largest longevity: 47 years (1900-1947)
- ❖ He died in 1911, at 47 years old leaving behind an outstanding work, highly praised by his followers.