

Dr. Carl Djerassi Bequeathed \$ 340,000 to the American University in Bulgaria

The father of the birth control pill and world renowned scientist Dr Carl Djerassi left a legacy of 340,000 dollars to the American University in Bulgaria. The donation was announced at a special ceremony in the university on Saturday evening by his son Dale Djerassi. The money will be used for the development of the Center for Visual Arts. As an expression of gratitude, The Theater Hall in the campus from now will carry the name of Dr. Djerassi. Dale Djerassi, the member of the Constitutional Court and former prime minister Philip Dimitrov, and other guests were welcomed by the President of the University Kevin Aspegren. Dr. Carl Djerassi, one of the world's 30 greatest personalities of the past millennium, passed away on January 30, 2015. He was born in Vienna, but spent part of his youth in Bulgaria. He researched the first contraceptive steroid synthesis of a drug for oral use, known as a the Pill. Apart from a successful scientist, he was a writer and supporter of the arts. He published short stories, poetry, five novels and nine plays, three of which have already been performed on a Bulgarian stage. In May 2013 he was awarded the honorary title "Doctor Honoris Causa" of AUBG.