

# MAN OF THE MONTH FOR SEPTEMBER 2013 – VOICU PETRU OF ROMANIA



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Voicu Petru was born on 24<sup>th</sup> March 1958 in the city of Arad in Romania. He regularly exercises to keep fit and trim. His main hobby is photography. He is the owner and General Manager of the duty free company in Romania and owner of the VP cigarette brand.

He was involved in bodybuilding due to his daughter's (Andra Voicu) success in bodybuilding in the year 2009. This made him to accept the sport of bodybuilding while he was in Budapest in 2009. His son Vlad Voicu is also involved in bodybuilding thus as their father he wanted to associate with bodybuilding and physique sports. He met Ildiko Buranits, General Secretary of WBPF Hungary, and she was instrumental in persuading him to form a national federation to work with the World Bodybuilding and Physique Sports Federation (WBPF) and the European Bodybuilding and Physique Sports Federation (EBPF). After meeting Ildiko Buranits in Budapest and after having several discussions with her, he decided to be part of WBPF family.

In August 2011 Voicu Petru successfully registered the Romania Bodybuilding and Physique Sports Federation and obtained the official approval by the Ministry of Justice, Ministry of Economy and Finance and by the Ministry of Sports in Romania.

He enjoys exercising in gyms as and when he has the time and there are several good gyms in his country and many people are very health conscious nowadays. Bodybuilding and Physique Sports are becoming very popular. His federation does not get any financial aid from his government and he funds the athletes most of the time.

He is tremendously impressed with the leaders in the WBPF and he feels very comfortable and happy to associate with them. He attended two major competitions of the WBPF i.e. the World Championships in Bangkok, Thailand in 2012 and the European Championships in Kiev, Ukraine in May 2013 and feel that the organizers have done a professional job to elevate the sport to the highest level.



**Andra Voicu**

In 2012 Voicu Petru took the challenge to organize the 3<sup>rd</sup> European Bodybuilding and Physique Sports Championships in Timisoara,

Romania and it was a great success. The experience of hosting the 3<sup>rd</sup> EBPF Championships gave him and his daughter Andra plenty of energy to work harder for the sport and the WBPF.

His favorite bodybuilder is Peter Molnar of Hungary.

Voicu loves to eat Asian foods and like to hear smooth jazz.

As the member of WBPF and President of WBPF Romania, he has a wonderful feeling of being associated with all great people in the WBPF family.