

**Free Thought in Romania Prior to the Outbreak of the First World War:  
The Case of Dr. Constantin Thiron**  
(Abstract)

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The aim of this paper is to take into the light some unknown details upon the life and works of Constantin Thiron (1853-1924). Thiron was a professor at the Faculty of Medicine (University of Iași) and also a social militant (on the issues of alcoholism and tuberculosis, for instance). Though, his most remarkable actions were directed towards supporting the freethinking movement in Romania, and with this purpose he founded the National Association of Freethinkers in 1909 in his own house. Under the influence of Ernest Hackel he tried to promote the idea of monism in Romania. Also, Thiron strongly supported the separation between the State and the Church, often criticizing the Orthodox priests and believers, especially in *Rațiunea* journal. He died in 1924 and according to his will his burial was organized as civil funeral.