

The Government of the Republic of Moldova has approved the list of winners of the National Award 2018.

The winners will receive their distinctions on August 24th at a solemn ceremony

The National Award 2018 is granted to the following persons:

1. **Oleg Lupan**, PhD in technical sciences, university professor. For original contributions to the development of nanotechnologies and the promotion of national science abroad;
2. **Liliana Groppa**, PhD in medical sciences, university professor. For research and exceptional practice in the field of rheumatology;
3. **Gheorghe Savin**, PhD in agriculture, associate professor. For the selection and development of the national vineyard genofund;
4. **Iurie Colesnic**, writer. For literary work and research in the history of Bessarabia;
5. **Viorel Mardare**, director. For the original creation in the art of publicity film and promotion of the image of the Republic of Moldova;
6. **Aureliu Batrînac**, PhD in medical sciences, researcher. For innovations and exceptional activity in the field of heart surgery and promotion of the image of the Republic of Moldova;
7. **Maria Cristea**, craftsman, founder and director of “Cristea House”. For the contribution to the promotion of cultural identity and the preservation of the folk suit of Moldova;
8. **Andrei Jilihovschi**, baritone, leader singer of the “Bolshoy Theater”. For outstanding interpretative art and promotion of the image of the Republic of Moldova;
9. **Victoria Dunford**, Executive Chief of the Charity Association "MAD-AidLimited". For contribution to the implementation of projects for disabled people;
10. **Ion Solonenco**, Retired General Brigadier, Leader of the Moldovan Delegation of the Joint Control Commission. For significant contribution to the promotion of the country's reintegration and security policy.