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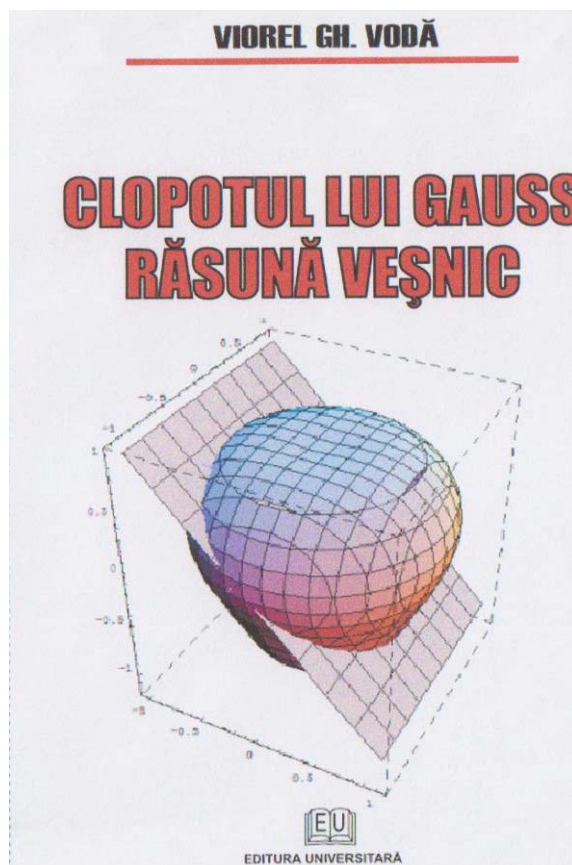
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**GAUSS' BELL RINGS FOREVER
("CLOPOTUL LUI GAUS RASUNA VESNIC"),
by Viorel Gh. VODĂ,
Editura Universitara, Bucharest, 2009**

We are delighted to acknowledge the recent publication of a well-known mathematician who channeled his career to an interesting field that has multiple elements of practical applicability. The use of the term "Gauss' bell curve" in the title is an excellent match to the profile of this paper that combines in a harmonious manner the theoretical elements of superior mathematics with case studies, operational procedures and exemplifications addressed to all practitioners who face them daily in various areas of their socio-economic life, with illustrations – mainly – from the quality control field.

Often containing fine and enjoyable ironic comments the paper logically reaches various levels (e.g. the chronological approach, the approach of the practitioner interested in using statistic-mathematical method and models, elements of theoretical synthesis, and in illustrating the current status of knowledge, etc) and is constituted in a reference point in the national, and even international scientific literature.

In this context, this (mini) monograph¹ is a good opportunity for the concerned public: practitioners, students, professors, to have at their disposal fundamental elements





from both the practical perspective (there are numerous parallels and referrals to the ISO – and Six Sigma - standards and procedures) and the perspective of the evolution and the latest innovations in the vast theoretical foundation at the base of the most recent methodologies in qualityology.

¹ We borrow the term from the afterword signed by Marius Iosifescu, Vice-president of the Romanian Academy of Sciences