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WHERE AND HOW THE HISTORICAL MEMORY OF COMMUNISM IS KEPT

This guide is compiled for Bulgarian and foreign researchers interested in the phenomenon called »Socialism in Bulgaria« as well as for everyone who, for one reason or another, is interested in Bulgaria during the communist period which started at the end of the Second World War and ended with the collapse of the Soviet system in Eastern Europe in 1989. Accordingly, the basic aim of its compilers (Iskra Baeva, Evgenia Kalinova, Nikolay Poppetrov and Vanya Stoyanova) was to enable, to guide and to help the (fortunately) growing interest in this stage of contemporary Bulgarian history which is still named and defined in different ways as »real socialism«, »Soviet regime«, »communist dictatorship« or »Stalinist totalitarianism«. This difference of notions and evaluations is due to both the ideological burden and the insufficient knowledge of the historical factuality, and in itself argues for the necessity of studies of all aspects of Bulgarian postwar history. That is why we want to present our view on this particular part of the history of Bulgaria in a broader historical context.

Modern Bulgarian history began with the establishment of a nation-state in 1878 following the Russian-Ottoman War of 1877–1878. This circumstance laid its imprint on the future development since, in the first place, Bulgaria was constantly facing the challenges of accelerated modernization and, in the second, it predetermined the »special relationship« with the »liberator Russia« and her successor, the Soviet Union. This peculiarity distinguishes Bulgaria from most of the countries in Central and Eastern Europe which became part of the Soviet sphere of influence after the Second World War. This should not be forgotten when »Bulgarian Socialism« as well as the Bulgarian transition to democracy and market economy are assessed. It is the lack of knowledge of the Bulgarian historical and geopolitical specificity that made inaccurate most of the politological prognoses and prevented from achieving many political goals in the years of transition. These failures so far motivate us to clearly remind future researchers and analysts not to take Bulgarian postwar history as identical to the events in the rest of the Eastern Bloc but to look for its peculiarities.

In its entire 130-year modern history Bulgaria has continuously tried to follow the European model of modernization, to »catch up with« the more and the most developed countries. This driving force shaped political and economic change although the methods and the ways of its achievement were basically different from other parts of Europe: through protectionism and dictatorship during the rule of the national rev-

olutionary Stefan Stambolov at the end of the 19th century; through »people's rule« with the Agrarian Aleksandar Stambolijski in the early 1920s; by »government of the elite« after the coup d'état of May 19, 1934 inspired by the ideas of Italian fascism.

Such aims and ambitions characterized also postwar politicians and statesmen – the communists and their adherents – who saw the magic key to fast and just social development in the Soviet model of centralized, planned and accelerated industrialization, rapid urbanization, forced agglomeration of land and compulsory modernization of the citizens' way of living. The combination of open political violence with indisputable modernization efforts confuses and complicates the evaluation of the epoch as a whole. This added to the difficulties of the transition and lies at the root of the nostalgia for the calm and saturated but colorless and unfree years of socialism – a nostalgia which can be clearly noticed in Bulgaria in the late twentieth and the early twenty-first century.

The specific characteristics of »Bulgarian Socialism« were also determined by the turbulent war events in Europe during the twentieth century in which Bulgaria time after time sided with the losers. Twice defeated in the Inter-Alliance War of 1913 and in the First World War Bulgaria suffered two »national catastrophes« (marked by the peace treaties of 1913 and 1919) by losing territories. In the beginning of the 1940s she thus was pushed into the arms of the Third Reich which promised her territorial enlargement. On March 1, 1941 Bulgaria joined the Tripartite Pact which assured her »national unification« indeed (the annexation of territories in Macedonia and Aegean Thrace) but only until the autumn of 1944. Facing one more military defeat and the danger of a new national disaster Bulgarian politicians were looking feverishly for a way out and some of them found it in the entry into the Fatherland Front – a political coalition created by the communists with the support of the Soviet Union. On September 9, 1944 with the Soviet troops on the Rumanian bank of the Danube the Fatherland Front came to power by a coup d'état in Sofia but also due to the clearly expressed desire of a considerable number of the Bulgarian population for a radical change. It had already motivated a partisan movement of c. 9.000 participants as well as some passive and active resistance in the towns.

The combination of domestic and foreign circumstances conditioned the beginning of a new period in Bulgarian history which spanned four and a half decades and coincided with the Cold War. In the course of 45 years – from 1944 to 1989 – Bulgaria strictly followed the model of accelerated modernization development offered and imposed by the Soviet Union. These decades witnessed deep social and economic transformation carried out according to the Soviet model: heavy industry was built up through planned investments, agrarian land was agglomerated by forcible co-operation: political pluralism was totally abolished and opposition persecuted; at the same time great efforts

were made for improving the educational level of the population, for securing free medical care and wide access to cultural institutions as cinema, theater, books, galleries.

In the years of transition numerous attempts were made to explain the lack of open anti-communist resistance in Bulgaria. In fact, similar to the partisans in the Second World War the »Goryani squads«¹ appeared in Bulgaria in the late 1940s and early 1950s but they remained isolated in the border areas and were considerably smaller in number compared to the partisan movement. In the end of the period, in the beginning of 1988, in analogy to the events in the Soviet Union and in the Central European countries an organized dissident movement emerged in Bulgaria but it was rather limited in scope and divided its efforts between the desire to »improve« the system (the communist dissidents) and the will to destroy it (the anti-communist dissidents).

The lack of strong and wide anti-communist resistance as in the other Central European socialist countries is often explained by the terrorist character of Bulgarian communism. However the comparison to the rest of the socialist states does not suggest such a conclusion. That is why it seems to be more appropriate to look for an explanation in the modernization potential of the system. During the 45 years of socialism the greater majority of the Bulgarians gained the opportunity for social mobility: they could receive education which ensured them a better and higher paid job; they could replace the hard individual rural labor with life in towns and work in industry or with machine cultivating of co-operative land; they could enjoy dwellings with running water, indoor bathrooms and indoor toilets, central heating, cheap public transport, and become socially and geographically mobile. For the generation who had memories of the pre-war and war years the benefits of the guaranteed and regulated life and way of living by the socialist state are indisputable. And this is the explanation for the lack of mass anti-communist feelings and for the sheer individual character of the acts of opposition (not counting the few plots against the communist leader Todor Zhivkov by party members and army officers which were motivated by pro-Maoist leanings though).

The actual rejection of the system was done by the new generation of functionaries who were far from the postwar confrontation but also from the ideas and goals of the first communists and anti-communists. These functionaries grew up and received their education under socialism but also took advantage of the gradual opening to the world which Bulgaria carried out after the 1960s and which enabled them to compare the life in the developed countries to the modest and lacking individuality existence in socialist Bulgaria. It was their generation which created the inner prerequisites for the

1 »Goryani« –»mountaineers«, from »gora« which in many Slavic languages means »mountain« and in modern Bulgarian has the first meaning of »forest«.

collapse of the system and which supplied the main characters for transition years. This generation forms the present day radical deniers of »Bulgarian Socialism« but also its no less motivated defenders. In most cases this is due to the lack of detailed knowledge of the complex past in which there were repressions, detention camps for political adversaries, suppression of any diversion from the dominant ideology but also economic development, social security, cultural liberalization. It is exactly the multifaceted character of the epoch that necessitates its continuous and thorough study which this guide is designed to assist.



As the next pages will show, the preservation of documents, memories and material signs of socialism had began long before this era ended thus turning it into a fully legitimate object of historical examination. What is more, as early as in the years of socialism the first serious archive-based research efforts on the epoch were undertaken.

In the first decade after the communists came to power historical science adapted itself to the new ideological requirements. This concerned first of all the new interpretation of Bulgarian and general history which placed »the masses of the people« as well as Slavism and Russia in the limelight and continuously denied everything related to the »oppressive classes«, »the bourgeoisie«, »the exploiters«, especially those connected with the West. University and school textbooks were re-written on these lines (in most cases these were translations of Soviet textbooks). All historical works bore the stamp of the ideology which was called »Marxist« but in fact was far from the depth and diversity of Marxism and rather followed the principles of Stalinism.

The Bulgarian historians took advantage of the gradual liberalization of the political atmosphere after Stalin's death (March 5, 1953) and the revolutionary events in Hungary and Poland of 1956. They tried and to a certain extent succeeded in setting forth new concepts of medieval Bulgarian history, of the Bulgarian National Revival in the 19th century and even of so called »Bulgarian fascism« between the two World Wars. The postwar period still remained in the shadow of ideology. It was learnt at school and taught in university but no true documentary studies were made and the formulas of the ruling communist party congresses were used instead. In fact, in the place of investigating and teaching postwar history of Bulgaria a new and obligatory subject for all students (no matter what discipline they studied) was introduced called »History of the Bulgarian Communist Party (BCP)«. However the need of scholars to teach this subject let the first historians receive access, though limited, to the archives – both public and party. The Central Party Archives of the BCP was safeguarded especially strictly.

From the 1970s on, Bulgarian historians published archive-based monographs which highlighted in a critical manner the turning points of Bulgarian communism. It is true that they were written according to the rules of the communist ideology but when based on archive documents they can be used even now as a source of information (skipping, of course, the obligatory citations from speeches and works of communist functionaries and the positive evaluations of communist activities.)

Such an assessment can be made for most of the works of Mito Isusov: »Politicheskite partii v Balgariya 1944–1948« (The Political Parties in Bulgaria 1944–1948), Sofia, 1978; »BKP i revolyutsionniyat protses v Balgariya 1944–1948« (BCP and the Revolutionary Process in Bulgaria 1944–1948). Sofia 1983; of the joint work »Sotsialisticheska Balgariya (Socialist Bulgaria), Sofia 1974 (by Voin Bozhinov, Boris Mateev, Zlatko Zlatev, Vladimir Migev); of the books by Lyubomir Ognyanov: »Aprilskata politika na BKP 1956–1980« (The April Policy of BCP 1956–1980), Sofia 1981; »Devetoseptemvriiskata sotsialisticheska revolyutsiya« (The 9th of September Socialist Revolution), Sofia 1984, and some others. Definitely, one general conclusion on historical research up to 1989 can be made: they all focused on the years of »people’s democracy« 1944–1948. This was due to the accessibility of archives about this period whose still functioning political pluralism and party struggles could be considered and argued. This does not mean that research projects or PhD theses on the following decades were not undertaken but the sources for them were confined within the limits of the published official documents, the press and the accessible records of the government and the various ministries. However the results in most cases only repeated the stands of the communist party and state leadership.

The most important achievement of the academic historiography of the period before the transition was the training of specialists. The professional expertise of scholars who were compelled to write according to the requirements of that time but could read and amass archival information for their personal use (out of the desire for a deeper insight into the period although with no chance to publish their conclusions) enabled them to reorientate themselves soon after 1989. Due to the accumulated source materials several books on so far taboo subjects were released almost immediately after the ban was raised. Mito Isusov published two books with new interpretation of familiar events: »Poslednata godina na Traycho Kostov« (The Last Year of Traycho Kostov), Sofia 1990; »Stalin i Balgariya« (Stalin and Bulgaria), Sofia 1991. A bit later Lyubomir Ognyanov published his book »Darzhavno-politicheskata sistema na Balgariya 1944–1948« (The State and Political System of Bulgaria 1944–1948), Sofia 1993. These works laid the foundations of new studies of contemporary Bulgarian history, on which the historians of the middle-age and younger generations could build up the new historical knowledge of »Bulgarian Socialism« in the following one and a half decade.

The greatest advantage of the historians of communism in the years of transition was the secured access to the archives. On December 12, 1991 the Parliament passed a »Law on Confiscating the Property of the Bulgarian Communist Party, of the Bulgarian Agrarian National Union, of the Fatherland Front, of the Dimitrov Comsomol and of the other totalitarian organizations«. As a result two years later the Central Party Archives of the BCP were transferred to the Central State Archives and subsequently entirely declassified. The same happened to the regional archives of the BCP which in 1993 were transferred to regional public archives. In this way historians gained access to first-class documents of the communist era. In the end of the 1990s the principle of declassification of secret documents within a 25-year term was introduced. These new regulations established good prerequisites for the investigation of contemporary Bulgarian history.

Currently the basic problems of postwar Bulgarian history are researched in broad outlines. This concerns the repressive system, the political evolution, the economic development (the potential and the restrictions of »socialist industrialization« and the co-operative agriculture), Bulgarian foreign policy, social relations. Among the names of the authors of monographs which are worth mentioning are Lyubomir Ognyanov (»Diplomatsia na savremenna Balgariya«/Diplomacy of Contemporary Bulgaria/. Shumen 2006), Mincho Minchev (»Balgariya ot novo na krastopat«/ Bulgaria Once Again at the Crossroads/(1942–1946). Sofia 1999; »Vtoroto pravitelstvo na OF«/The Second Government of the Fatherland Front/. Veliko Tarnovo 2001); Iliyana Marcheva (»Todor Zhivkov – patyat kam vlastta. Politika i ikonomika na Balgariya 1953–1964«/Todor Zhivkov – the Road to Power. Politics and Economics in Bulgaria 1953–1964/. Sofia 2000), Vladimir Migev (»Kolektivizatsiyata na balgarskoto selo 1948–1958«/The Collectivization of the Bulgarian Village 1948–1958/. Sofia 1998; »Balgarskite pisateli i politicheskiyat zhivot v Balgariya 1944–1970«/The Bulgarian Writers and the Political Life in Bulgaria 1944–1970/. Sofia 2001; »Prazhkata prolet '68 i Balgariya«/The Prague Spring '68 and Bulgaria/. Sofia 2005), Nataliya Hristova (Balgarskiyat skandal »Solzhenitsin 1970–1974«/The Bulgarian Scandal of »Solzhenitsyn 1970–1974«/. Sofia 2000; »Spetsifika na balgarskoto »disidentstvo«. Vlast i inteligentsiya 1956–1989/Specificity of Bulgarian »dissidence«. Power and Intelligentsia 1956–1989/. Plovdiv 2005), Evgenia Kalinova (»Pobeditelite i Balgariya, 1939–1945«/The Victors and Bulgaria, 1939–1945/. Sofia 2004), Iskra Baeva (»Iztochna Evropa sled Stalin 1953–1956. Polsha, Ungaria, Chehoslovakia i Balgariya«/Eastern Europe after Stalin 1953–1956. Poland, Hungary, Czechoslovakia and Bulgaria/. Sofia 1995; »Balgariya i Iztochna Evropa«/Bulgaria and Eastern Europe/. Sofia 2001; »Todor Zhivkov«. Sofia 2007) as well as the two compendious books of I. Baeva and E. Kalinova »Balgarskite prehodi«/The Bulgarian Transitions/ (with three

editions in 2000, 2002 and 2006) and »Sledvoennoto desetiletie na balgarskata van-shna politika, 1944–1955«/The Postwar Decade of the Bulgarian Foreign Policy, 1944–1955/. Sofia 2003. These are only a few of the most important publications.

These research results allowed many Bulgarian historians to try to make an overall estimation of the postwar period. We tend to accept the thesis that it was a state socialism of a Soviet type. The significant role of the state playing the part of the basic modernization agency as well as the social and political system borrowed from the Soviet Union point to that.



This guide is designed to help those who are interested in contemporary Bulgarian history in finding various kinds of information, basic literature in the field and the institutions which carry out research on the history of Bulgaria under communism.

The bulk of the documentary base is in the Bulgarian archives. The richest collections are indisputably in the Central State Archives which hold the documentation of all state and economic institutions, social organizations as well as a great body of records of the BCP. Of similar value for the development of the different regions in the country are the regional public archives which after 1993 hold also the documentation of local communist party structures. The records of the BCP are fully accessible (but for personal data of functionaries who are still alive the access to which is by permit) while classified data is being declassified under the »Law on the Access to Classified Information«. The Archives of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs have similar regulations while access to the Central Military Archives and the Archives of the Ministry of the Interior is much more restricted. In Bulgaria there are still no conditions for free access to the records of the State-security Services but this is forthcoming. The use of archives by foreigners (including EU citizens) is by permit of the General Department of Archives.

The leading researchers in the field of contemporary Bulgarian history are to be found in the universities and the institutes of the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences. During the first decade of the transition the study of communism became not only unattractive but even proposals appeared to delete it from school and university curricula. With political passions gradually calming down the interest in the history of communism grew again and in the beginning of the second millennium it is in full swing. More and more scholars from various spheres of humanities direct their attention to the time of communism which is evident by the increasing number of publications in scholarly periodicals as well as on specialized sites in the world wide web.

Bulgarian museums which hold items, documents and other materials from the times of communism occupy a special place among the institutions keeping the mem-

ory of the recent past. Each of the central and regional historical museums up to 1989 had a department of socialism which was also presented in the exposition. During the years of transition these items were removed from the exhibition halls but were not destroyed (as it happened with a part of the books in local libraries). They were kept in the museum funds and are open for use to researchers.

The general tendency in contemporary Bulgaria shows that the interest towards the communist period is growing and that the collections of memories, documents and artefacts are increasing. In the last few years several new research centers opened which started campaigns for collecting records, diaries and memoirs from communist times. This gives us confidence that studies on state socialism of Soviet type in Bulgaria will continue and will help Bulgarian society to better understand its past which means to understand its present as well.



The map of the (current) administrative structure of Bulgaria on page 106 shows next to the three lieux de mémoire Belene (forced labor camp on the island of Persin in the Danube – see p. 77), Lovech (forced labor camps next to the town of Lovech and in the nearby village of Skravena – see p. 77) and Pravets (place of birth of Todor Zhivkov, head of state and party – see p. 74) also peak Buzludzha in the Balkan Mountains (Stara Planina) where in 1891 the Bulgarian Socialdemocratic Workers Party – the predecessor of the Bulgarian Communist Party of 1919 – was founded and where in the 1980s a gigantic museum of the BCP was built. The map shows also the village of Kovatchevtsi where the BCP's most prominent leader, Georgi Dimitrov (1882–1949), was born and where another museum on the communist movement is situated.



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1 Archives

1.1 Central state archives

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GDA is under the direct guidance of the Council of Ministers and is responsible for all state archives. An integral part of GDA is the Department of the »Bulgarian Research Institute–Austria«. The General Department guides the 27 territorial directions »State Archive«.

Funds availability: 60.333; funds of state institutions, establishments and organizations: 55.239; personal funds: 5094; memoirs: 17.870; files availability: 5.799.858.

Publications: »Archival reference book«; »Arhivite govoryat« (»Archives are speaking«); »Izvestia na darzhavnite arhivi« (»Journal of the state archives«); »Arhiven pregled« (»Archival review«).

1.1.2 Central State Archives (CSA)

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CSA was created in 1993 as a direction within the structure of the GDA. Its field of activity is the collection, the preservation, the organization and the use of archival documents with historical value and of national significance. As a matter of fact it was created in 1962 following the Soviet model. In the beginning of 1993, the Central State Historical Archives (CSHA), CSA of the People's Republic of Bulgaria and the Central State Technological Archives (created in 1974) were gathered together to create CSA. Later the same year the Central Party Archives (of the Bulgarian Communist Party) were transferred to CSA. CSA consists of several departments: »Old archives«, »New archives«, »Party archives and public organizations«, »Personal funds«, »Documents concerning Bulgarian history preserved in foreign archival depositories«, »Accounts, preservation and use« and »Automatization«.

The documentation of the ex-Bulgarian Communist Part is fully preserved and accessible to scholars and the public. In the beginning of the Bulgarian transition – on the 26th of August, 1990 – the building of the Communist Party Central Committee (the Party House) where the archives of the BCP were held was set on fire. However, the archives were not damaged but for the catalogue of the files from the 1930s. These archives were also not »purged« due to the strict archival control under which they were kept.

CSA has 5 reading-rooms: three for paper documents and two for microfilms. Documents can be used by Bulgarian and foreign citizens. Readers have to fill in a request to the head of the relevant archive indicating the subject of the research work, as well as the type of the documents of interest. When it is not possible to determine the framework of needed documents, one should consult the experts of the relevant archive. Foreigners have to address the CSA in advance and in written form to inform about the exact subject of their research and the time when they would like to visit the archives. The same is valid if they want to work in any other state archive in Bulgaria. With the purpose of easier and faster search of information over the documental massifs it's elaborated a system of Reference books: guide book for the archives in the country; central card index that gives information on composition and the content of archival funds on archives; guide book on archival funds in the relevant archive; inventories (reference books that reveal the composition and the content of each fund); catalogues and reviews. Part of them have an electronic version. One can order up to 15 files per day and they will be delivered within 10 working days (for paper documents) or 5 working days for microfilms. For making copies, duplicates and excerpts one has to pay charges.

Funds availability amounts to 2183 funds of state institutions and other organisations and 1821 personal funds. Considerable part of them deal with the period of state socialism (1944 – 1989) – 924 funds of institutions and 329 personal funds. In 1993 CSA acquired the documents of the archive of the Bulgarian Communist Party (BCP), consisting of 317 funds of institutions and 84 personal funds.

Some of the personal funds concerning the socialist period are those of Todor Pavlov – Regent and a member of the Presidium of the National Assembly and of the Politburo of the Central Committee of BCP; Georgi Dimitrov – Secretary General of the Comintern, Secretary General of the BCP and prime minister; Vassil Kolarov – Secretary General of BCP, member of Politburo of the Central Committee of the BCP, speaker of the National Assembly and prime minister; Valko Chervenkov – Secretary General of the BCP, a minister and prime minister; Anton Yugov – member of the Politburo of the Central Committee of the BCP, a minister and prime minister; Todor Zhivkov – Secretary General of the Central Committee of the BCP, prime minister and chairman of the State Council; Stanko Todorov – member of the Politburo of the Central Committee of the BCP, a minister and prime minister, speaker of the National Assembly; Grisha Filipov – member of the Politburo of the Central

Committee of the BCP, a minister and prime minister, member of the State Council, and others. Other holdings are: Funds of important bank institutions such as the Bulgarian National Bank, and of State economic holdings and trade unions; personal funds of eminent people in the field of economics, medicine, education, culture and science; funds of important institutions of national significance in the sphere of education and culture – Committee of Science, Art and Culture; Committee of Art and Culture; Committee of Science, Technical Progress and Higher Education; National theatre »Ivan Vazov«; National Opera; Sofia state philharmony; State ensemble for folk songs and dances; Bulgarian cappella choir »Svetoslav Obretenov«; National Art Gallery; Bulgarian national TV; Bulgarian national radio; Bulgarian Telegraph Agency; film studios; publishing houses; unions of artists; Committee of Friendship and International Cultural Relations. Personal funds of more than 200 writers, 150 actors and film producers, 100 artists, 80 musicians, 90 journalists, 100 scientists; funds of the Bulgarian Orthodox Church – Bulgarian Exarchate, The Holy Synod; The Main Mufti Office; The Central Consistory of the Jews in Bulgaria, the Jewish communities in the country; funds of political parties and public organizations – Bulgarian Agrarian People's Union; Bulgarian Agrarian People's Union »Nikola Petkov«, People's Union »Zveno«; National Committee of the Fatherland Front; personal funds of 360 politicians and public figures. Funds of art unions and other public organizations such as: the Union of Bulgarian Writers; the Union of Actors; the Union of Architects; the Federation of the Scientific and Technical Unions; the Union of Scientists in Bulgaria; the Supreme Council of Lawyers; Bulgarian Medical Union; Bulgarian Red Cross, Bulgarian Teachers' union; Union for the Protection of Children; Committee of Bulgarian Women; Bulgarian Olympic Committee; Bulgarian Tourist Union; trade unions in different branches of social and economic life.

CSA acquired the photo archive of the closed National Photograph Agency and it also possesses video and audio tapes – among them several hundred video tapes of the celebration of the 1.300th anniversary of the Bulgarian state in 1981 and audio tapes of the alpine expedition to Mt. Everest in 1984.

In CSA one can explore certain collections of documents from foreign archives – these are 39 collections of microfilms with 3,5 million frames, mainly from the archives of the USA, Austria, Russia, Great Britain, France, Germany.

Publications: Guidebook to the funds of CSA of PRB. Compilers: T. Zasheva, Tz. Tsoleva and N. Nakova. S., Nauka i iskustvo, 1975. 296 p.

Guidebook to the funds of the Bulgarian Communist Party, preserved in CSA. Compilers: S. Tsvetanski, T. Dimitrov., S., 2000. 464 p.

Catalogues: Archive Catalogue of the Central Cooperative Union 1946-1976. Sofia, 1988; Bulgarian Theatre. Catalogue of documents. Vols. I-II (up to 1944), Sofia, 1990; Catalogue of archive documents of the Academy of Agricultural Science 1961-1975. Sofia, 1991.

1.1.3 Ministry of Foreign Affairs – Chancery and Archives Directorate

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The first steps of the Diplomatic Archive were as early as June 9, 1879. In 1956 was created an archive for preservation of international acts. In 1974 in accordance with the Law of State Archive Fund the archive received its special status. It is integrated in the structure of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, but is also subordinated to The General Department of Archives (GDA).

Funds availability: The number of the inventories is 290. 150 of them are declassified (212.263 files) and 140 are classified (73.630 files); the number of the personal funds is 18, but they are still under construction and are not available.

Information about the period of socialism can be found in the documents of Bulgarian diplomatic and consular representations abroad and in the documentation of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Sofia. The Archive preserves bilateral and multilateral conventions and treaties; documents revealing Bulgarian participation in international governmental and non-governmental organisations, conferences etc. Among the available funds are: »International organisations and treaties«, »Committee on the questions of Bulgarian Orthodox Church and religious cults«, »UNESCO«. »Paris Peace Conference«.

The access to the documents of the Diplomatic Archive is free for citizens and research fellows – they are supposed to present a formal request or a recommendation letter stating the exact subject of the research work. They should be submitted through the Ministry's Reception Desk. Foreigners consult the archive documents with permission from the General Department of Archives (GDA) and they have to inform GDA at least 30 days before their arrival and to present a plan of the research work they will carry out in the archive. The reading room is in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, 2 »Aleksandar Zhendov« str. At the Reception Desk the readers will receive a temporary access card (they must bring their identity cards) and after that they have to go to office #453 to get instructions about the order of using the archive documents.

Publications: Bulgarian-Soviet relations. Documents. Vol. 2 – Sept. 2, 1944–December 1958. Sofia, 1981 (in Bulgarian); Bulgarian-Soviet relations 1948–1970. Documents. Sofia, 1977; Bulgarian-Soviet relations 1971–1976. Documents. Sofia, 1977; Bulgarian-Soviet relations 1977–1982. Documents. Sofia, 1985; Bulgarian-Soviet relations 1983–1986. Documents. Sofia, 1989; Bulgarian-Soviet relations. (Articles and research papers). Sofia, 1987; The Foreign Policy of the People's Republic of Bulgaria. Documents and materials. Vol. 1 – 1944–1962. Sofia, 1970; Vol. 2 – 1963–1969. Sofia, 1982; Vol. 3, part I – 1969–1973, Sofia, 1982; Vol. 3, part II – 1973–1976, Sofia 1983; The Foreign Policy of the People's Republic of Bulgaria. Documents and Materials. Vol. 4. – 1976–1978. Sofia,

1988; Vol. 5 – 1979–1981. Sofia, 1988. Mateeva, M., Tepavicharov. Diplomatic relations of Bulgaria 1878–1988, Sofia, 1989; Mateeva, M. Consular relations of Bulgaria 1879–1986. Sofia, 1988; »120 years modern Bulgarian Diplomacy 1879–1999«. Sofia, 1999.

1.1.4 Archive of the Ministry of the Interior (AMI)

Address: 1000 Sofia
29 Shesti septemvri str.
Museum of the Ministry of the Interior:
1000 Sofia,
30 Lavele str.

Tel.: (00359)02/982 24 72, (00359)02//982 49 76
Fax: (00359)02/982 44 24
e-mail: cia@mvr.bg
URL: www.mvr.bg

Director: Ivan Komitski
Open: Monday–Friday 09:30–12:00 and 13:30–16:30
Closed in January for three weeks for inventory

In 1944 the Ministry of the Interior and People's Health created within its structure a Card-Index and Archive to preserve the existing files and documents. The territorial administrations of the ministry also created their own archive offices. In an organized manner the preservation of archive documents started in 1950 when in a storehouse near Sofia 16.800 files of political prisoners and other police documents were found and had to be preserved. From 1964 onward the archive began collecting documents that appeared as a result of the Ministry's activity after 1944. Since 1999 the archive has its own modern archive storage.

AMI has two reading-rooms with 45 places. In 2000 the archive has been visited by 2003 readers and on the whole 23.700 persons have seized the opportunity to get acquainted with the declassified documents.

Funds: the available declassified funds are 278 with 650.000 files. Apart from them there is an enormous amount of classified documents. In 1997 and 2006 laws for the declassification of the documents of the former State Security were adopted and as a result a process of declassification is now going on, permitting many research fellows to get acquainted with these documents.

Archive data concerning the period of state socialism can be found in the funds related to the so-called People's Court, the Referendum for a republic in 1946, the defeat of the political opposition in Bulgaria and the political trials of the late 1940s, the so-called Goryani movement, the internments and the forced migrations of »politically unreliable« people, the activity of the State Security in the 1980s in the campaign of the forced change of names of the Bulgarian Turks.

Since 1992 in the system of the AMI exists a specialized Museum of the Ministry of the Interior, revealing the history of the ministry.

The Directorate »Information and Archive« in the Ministry of the Interior disposes of two reading-rooms:

1. Public reading-room, where research fellows, journalists and others can consult archive documents. Address: 1000 Sofia, 29 Shesti Septemvri str.; Tel.: (00359)02/ 9822 473
2. Special reading-room for those consulting the documents with personal data from the archive funds of the AMI. Address: 1000, Sofia, 32 Gen. Gurko str.; Tel.: (00359)02/9822926.

In December 2006 the Bulgarian Parliament passed a law for the establishment of a special commission entrusted with the task to take control of the ex-State Security Archives. The Commission was established in April 2007 under the name of »Commission for Access and de-Classification of Documents and for Announcing of Bulgarian Citizens' Belonging to the State Security and the Intelligence Services of the Bulgarian People's Army«. This commission gained full control on the documentation of the ex-State Security and has to secure the access to it for historians and citizens. For the time being such an access is still not possible due to the lack of a premise suitable to house archives. Administratively the Commission is located on two floors in the building of 1, Vrabcha St., in Sofia. Access is difficult since in addition to a permission by the ministry also one by the commission is necessary. Its reports are accessible on the website of the Commission for National Security of the Bulgarian parliament: www1.parliament.bg/kns

The documentation of the State Security was »purged« in the beginning of the transition – up to 1991. Some high officials of the Ministry of the Interior, the ex-Minister of the Interior Atanas Semerdjiev included, were put on trial for destroying a part of the State Security files. However, only personal files were destroyed and not the great body of documents revealing the versatile activity of the State Security services and the Ministry of the Interior.

1.1.5 Central Military Archive

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21 Hristo Botev str., Post box 90
Tel.: (00359)062/62 02 10
Tel./ Fax: (00359)062/63 58 73 – Director
e-mail: cva@gua.e-gov.bg
URL: www.archives.government.bg

Director: Ivan Koev

The archive was created in 1951 under the name Central Archive Fund. Its task is to assure collection, organization and preservation of documents of historical and reference value, as well as the creation of information system to assure the access to these documents.

Until 1999 CMA is subordinated to the General Staff and the Ministry of Defence. Since Dec.21, 1999 CMA is subordinated to the General Department of Archives (GDA).

Funds: there are 3754 institutional funds with 481.294 files; 51 personal funds with 1.547 files and 299 partial receipts.

The archive preserves documents of the Bulgarian army participation in World War II, as well as a great number of documents concerning the organization and the staff of the army and its role in political life after the war.

1.1.6 Scientific Archive of Bulgarian Academy of Sciences (BAS)

Address: 1040 Sofia
1 »15 noemvri« str.
Tel.: (00359)02/988 40 46
e-mail: archiv1@cl.bas.bg
URL: www.archiv.cl.bas.bg

Director: Senior research fellow Dr Stoyan Pintev
Open: Monday–Friday 09:00–17:00
Closed: last Friday of each month

In 1947 an Archive Department was created within the structure of the BAS Library. In 1949 it was transformed in Archive Institute of BAS. It collects, organises and preserves documents of BAS activity. Since 1957 it exist as a separate department within the system of the Presidium of BAS under the name of Archive of BAS.

Funds: The total number of funds is 402; 95 of them contain documents for the socialist period. There are 153 funds of BAS institutes, 21 collections, 61 partial receipts.

The socialist period is reflected in documents of the Central Administration of BAS, the Presidium, the Bureau of the Presidium, the departments of BAS and according to the different spheres of science.

Publications: Proceedings of the Archive Institute (published since 1960); Scientific Archive of BAS Guide to Funds. Sofia, 1981.

1.2 Regional archives

1.2.1 Territorial Directorate »State Archive« – Blagoevgrad

Address: 2700 Blagoevgrad
2 Arsenie Kostunitsa str.
Tel.: (00359)073/88 54 35, Fax: (00359)073/88 54 34
e-mail: blagoevgrad@gua.e-gov.bg
URL: www.archives.government.bg

Open: Monday-Friday 08:30–17:00

The archive was created on April 18, 1952.

Funds: The total number of funds is 2877 (166 775 files), of which 1759 are institutional. Information about the period of socialism can be found in 1456 funds and 686 partial receipts. In 1993 the archive received the archive collection of the local BCP organization with 1056 institutional funds and 62 personal funds. There are also documents concerning the 1990-1999 elections.

The archive preserves materials of the local administration, schools and other cultural institutions. Of primary importance for the socialist period are the funds of the People's Council of Blagoevgrad and other public bodies of local authorities; the Departmental Committee of the Fatherland Front; the local theatre and the »Pirin« folk ensemble – Blagoevgrad.

The archive funds of the former BCP local organizations keep documents about their activity in different spheres of social and political life.

Publications: Guide to the archive funds 1944–1976. Vol. II, Blagoevgrad, 1982; List of the funds and partial receipts from the socialist era (1944–1973). Blagoevgrad, 1978; Town local administration – the town of Gorna Dzhumaya (1915–1980). Blagoevgrad, 1986; Town local administration – the town of Bansko (1912–1986). Blagoevgrad, 1994; District Committee of the Fatherland Front – Gorna Dzhumaya (Blagoevgrad) (1944–1975). Blagoevgrad, 1987; Catalogue: Vladimir Poptomov (1890–1990). Bibliographical index. Blagoevgrad, 1989.

1.2.2 Territorial Directorate »State Archive« – Burgas

Address: 8005 Burgas
zh. Complex »Slaveykov«
7 Prof. Yakimov str.

Tel./ Fax: (00359)056/860412 – Director
(00359)056/860458 – Department »Supplying, Scientific and Technical
Processing and Conservation«
(00359)056/860457 – Department »Utilization and Information«
(00359)056/860224 – reading-room

Mobile: (00359)0888/660362
e-mail: burgas@gua.e-gov.bg
URL: www.archives.government.bg

Director: Ivan Dzhambazov
Open: Monday–Thursday 08:30–12:00 and 13:00–16:00

The archive was created on April 18, 1952. It disposes of reading-rooms, a library, photo laboratory and a microfilm, conservation and restoration laboratory.

Funds: The total number of the funds is 4.157 – 661 of them are partial receipts; 524 – memoirs; more than 6800 photos and 103.529 negatives. Information about the period of socialism can be found in 1.650 funds and 1.330 partial receipts like State Economic Group »Ribno stopanstvo (Fishing Farm)« – Burgas; State Economic Group »Neftochim« – Burgas; Economic Group

»Balkantourist« – Slanchev Bryag; Burgas theatre »Adriana Budevskа«; Burgas National Opera; State Trade Lyceum – Burgas; Burgas Vicarage, etc.

Publications: Guide to the archive funds, collections and partial receipts. Vol. II, Burgas, 1993; Reference book of the archive funds, collections and partial receipts of the Strandzha region 1832–1981. Burgas, 1982; Inventory records: Regional Council – Burgas, 1994.

Catalogues: Burgas region today and in the past – documents and materials. Burgas, 1987.

1.2.3 Territorial Directorate »State Archive« – Varna

Address: 9000 Varna

52 Preslav str.

Tel./Fax: (00359)052/646472; (00359)052/646472, (00359)052/612535,
(00359)052/617931, (00359)052/632537

e-mail: varna@gua.e-gov.bg

URL: www.archives.government.bg

Director: Borislav Dryanovski

Open: Monday–Friday 09:00–12:00 and 13:00–16:00

The archive was created on April 18, 1952. At first it collected documents from the institutions of Varna and Tolbuhin (today – Dobrich) regions, but in 1959 a separate archive in Tolbuhin (today Dobrich) was created.

Funds: The total number of funds – 2250, of them 2088 institutional (239.133 files); 162 personal (15.139 files); 660 memoirs; 742 partial receipts; 1.775 funds of the former BCP archive (28.128 files). In the institutional funds which are more than 2.000, there is important information about the development of regional industry, construction, trade, science, education and other spheres of social and economic life.

Of particular importance are documents of the Town Council, County Council, Shipping company »Bulgarski morski flot«, State soda plant »Karl Marx«, State dockyards, Higher Institute of national economics, Varna and Preslav Bishop Administration, etc. Among the personal funds are those of captain Georgi Georgiev, architect Kamen Goranov and other eminent persons of significance for the social-political and cultural life of the region.

Publications: Guide to the State archive – Varna. 1944–1995. Varna, 2001; Collection of the documentary treasures of the Varna region. Vol. 1–10. Inventory records, catalogues, scientific papers. Varna, 1976–1990.

1.2.4 Territorial Directorate »State Archive« – Veliko Tarnovo

Address: 5000 Veliko Tarnovo
2 Chitalishtna str., Post box 138

Tel./ Fax: (00359)062/ 62 17 30

e-mail: velikotarnovo@gua.e-gov.bg

URL: www.archives.government.bg

Open: Monday–Friday 09:00–12:00 and 13:00–16:00

The archive was created in April 1952. In 1960 as a result of the new administrative reform about 100 funds of it were transmitted to the archives in the towns of Gabrovo, Lovech, Sliven.

Funds: Institutional funds 2576 (168.859 files); 136 personal (12.874 files); 559 memoirs; 265 partial receipts. The total number of the funds of the socialist period is 1552 institutional, 82 personal and 256 partial receipts. The funds transmitted after 1993 of the former BCP archive are 943 institutional, 2 personal and 480 partial receipts. The documents come from the funds of the County Council, the Bishop Administration of Veliko Tarnovo, etc.

Publications: Guide to the archive funds. 1944–1975. Vol. II, Veliko Tarnovo, 1982; List of the archive funds of the socialist era 1944-1969. Veliko Tarnovo, 1973; The nationalization in Veliko Tarnovo region. Abstracts and documents. Veliko Tarnovo, 1992.

1.2.5 Territorial Directorate »State Archive« – Vidin

Address: 3703 Vidin
29 Knyaz Boris I str.

Tel./ Fax.: (00359)094/ 60 02 83, (00359)094/ 60 02 43, (00359)094/ 60 02 68

Mobile: (00359)0888/ 66 87 87

e-mail: vidin@gua.e-gov.bg

URL: www.archives.government.bg

Open: Monday–Friday 09:30–15:30

The archive was created in May 1960.

Funds: The total number of funds is 1.574 institutional and 167 personal and 1.221 of them are from the socialist period. In 1994 in the archive were transferred the documents from the Archive of BCP-Vidin and about the end of December 2005 it consisted of 376 institutional funds (12.728 files), 2 personal funds (29 files), 1.261 memoirs, 821 partial receipts, photos (916 files), information and references (438 files).

Data about the period of socialism can be found in the funds of the County Committee of BCP – Vidin; the BCP committees in Belogradchik, Vidin, and Kula; the Agricultural college »K. A. Timiryazev«; the Bishop's Administration in Vidin; the County Council – Vidin, the County Committee of the Red Cross, some industrial plants (»Kosta Yordanov«, »Vida«).

Publications: Guide to the archive funds 1944–1972. Vol. II. Vidin, 1981; List of the acquired archive funds of the socialist era. 1944–1972. Vidin, 1974;

Catalogues: Bulgarian-Soviet friendship in Vidin district (1919–1983). Vidin, 1987; The Red Cross movement in Vidin district (1883–1980). Vidin, 1987.

1.2.6 Territorial Directorate »State Archive« – Vratsa

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8 Antim I str.
Tel.: (00359)092/62 61 21, (00359)092/62 44 62, (00359)092/62 35 47
e-mail: vratca@gua.e-gov.bg
URL: www.archives.government.bg

Open: Monday–Friday 09:00–12:00 and 13:00–16:00

The archive was created in April 1952. At first it was responsible for the whole territory of North-West Bulgaria. In 1959 the documents concerning Vidin and in 1963 those concerning Montana were separated from it.

Funds: The total number is 1821 and 1.759 of them are institutional, 62 – personal, 234 – partial receipts and 619 – memoirs.

The archive has collected the archive funds of 230 state and local institutions and public bodies, the state administration on regional and local level during the period 1878-2006; information about the social and political, economic, educational and cultural situation and development of Vratsa region and the role of the local authorities. Among them there are 281 archive funds concerning the local agricultural and forestry development and their transformation after the nationalization until the restoration of private property on the land; 62 personal funds of eminent people of all spheres of social and political life: education, culture, politics, economics, etc., related to Vratsa and its district.

There is a rich collection of photos in the fund called »Bulgarian Photography« – the district of Vratsa.

Publications: Guide to the archive funds 1944–1978. Vol. II, Part 2; Vratsa, 1987.

1.2.7 Territorial Directorate »State Archive« – Gabrovo

Address: 5300 Gabrovo
17 Chardafon str.
Tel.: (00359)066/803 569, (00359)066/80 46 34, (00359)066/80 90 24
Fax: (00359)066/80 35 69
e-mail: gabrovo@gua.e-gov.bg
URL: www.archives.government.bg

Open: Monday–Friday 09:00–16:30
Closed each last Friday every month

The archive was created in October 1959. Unfortunately, in July 1991 it was inundated and part of the archive documents were destroyed together with the reading room, the offices and the photo laboratory.

Funds: The total number is 3.289 and those of them that refer to the period of socialism, are 1.440 institutional; 80 personal funds and 204 partial receipts. The archive received also the archive of the former BCP with its 869 funds

Information about the socialist period is available in the funds of local town authorities till 1948; the Regional Court of Sevlievo till 1953; the Dryanovo monastery »St. Arhangel Mihail« till 1950; the Aprilov lyceum till 1960; the nationalized enterprises till 1987; joint-stock companies till 1948; Women Charity Society »Maichina grizha« (1869–1957); the collection about the development of Gabrovo district after 1944; the Town Council (1944–1992); the County Council (1959–1988); personal funds of: Nikola Chushkov from Tryavna, Aleksandar Kerkov, Nikola Grublev, Gencho Negentsov (Ran Bosilek), Nikola Venetov.

Publications: Writers from Gabrovo district. Gabrovo. 1986; Teachers from Gabrovo district. Gabrovo, 1993.

1.2.8 Territorial Directorate »State Archive« – Dobrich

Address: 9300 Dobrich
26 Slavyanka str.
Tel.: (00359)058/602077, (00359)058/602461
Fax: (00359)058/602461.
e-mail: dobrich@gua.e-gov.bg
URL: www.archives.government.bg

Open: Monday–Friday 09:00–12:00 and 13:00–16:00

The archive was created in March 1960, when the town then called Tolbuhin, became district centre.

Funds: The total number of the funds is 3087, of which 2968 are institutional; 119 personal, 1384 are partial receipts and 1023 memoirs.

Information about the period of socialism is available in the funds of the town councils and local authorities of Dobrich (Tolbuhin), Balchik, Kavarna, General Toshevo, Tervel, Shabla, The Vicar; the Institute of Wheat and Sunflower in General Toshevo, the shoe plant in Dobrich; Tourist complex »Albena« (1966–1990).

Publications: Guide to the archive funds (1944–1980). Sofia, 1988; Industry development in Tolbuhin region (1880–1978). Vol. I and II. Tolbuhin 1987; The education policy in Tolbuhin district (1850–1982). Vol. I–II. Sofia, 1985, Tolbuhin 1988.

1.2.9 Territorial Directorate »State Archive« – Kardzhali

Address: 6600 Kardzhali
3 Sofronii Vrachanski str.
Tel.: (00359) 0361 / 62 661 – Director
(00359) 0361 / 62 653 – Department »Supplying«
(00359) 0361 / 62 778 – Reading-room
Fax: (00359) 0361 / 65 126
e-mail: kardjali@gua.e-gov.bg
URL: www.archives.government.bg

Director: Vulcho Zlatilov
Open: Monday–Friday 09:00–16:00

The archive was created in 1960, when a certain number of funds was transferred from the State archive in Haskovo.

Funds: In December 2005 their total number is 1453 (70.337 files) and 61 personal funds (5370 files). 47 of these funds are related to the period of socialism. In 1994 the archive of the regional BCP organization – 1665 funds (31.375 files), were transferred.

Data about the socialist period are available in the funds of the local authorities; state enterprises as »Betonit«, »Tutuneva promishlenost (tobacco production)«, Lead-production complex.; the state mines »Gorubso«, State experimental laboratory on tobacco – Dzhebel, State enterprises »Kardzhali dam« and »Studen kladenets dam«, etc.

Publications: Guide to the archive funds (1944–1979). Vol. II. Kardzhali, 1987; The cultural development of Kardzhali district (1914–1978). Kardzhali, 1986.

1.2.10 Territorial Directorate »State Archive« – Kyustendil

Address: 2500 Kyustendil
1 Velbuzhd squire – the Municipal office
Tel.: (00359) 078 / 52 34 63 – Director;
(00359) 078 / 52 43 04 – reading-room and experts;
Fax: (00359) 078 / 52 34 63
e-mail: kustendil@gua.e-gov.bg
URL: www.archives.government.bg

Director: Dinko Novakov
Open: Monday–Friday 09:00–16:00

The archive was created in January 1963.

Funds: Availability on 31 December 2005 – 1478 institutional funds (capitalism – 313, socialism – 1165, BCP – 20 funds and collections); personal funds – 129; partial receipts – 1505; memoirs – 835.

Information about the period of socialism is available in the funds of Kyustendil County Court – till 1948; local authorities, the Regional Council, the BCP local organisations. Among the personal funds are those of the historian Vladimir Karamanov, the musicians T. Bliznakov, P. Kazandzhiev, Ivan Halachev.

Publications: Guide to the archive funds (1955–1974). Vol. II, Kyustendil, 1980; Water syndicates in the region of Kyustendil 1904–1949. Kyustendil, 1988; Kyustendil schools 1878–1985. Kyustendil, 1992; The Regional committee of the People's Front in Kyustendil and Stanke Dimitrov 1944–1958. Kyustendil, 1987.

1.2.11 Territorial Directorate »State Archive« – Lovech

Address: 5500 Lovech
24 Targovska str.

Tel.: (00359)068/604270 – Director,
(00359)068/604269 – Head of department and experts;
(00359)068/604271 – reading-room

Fax: (00359)068/604270

e-mail: Lovech@gua.e-gov.bg

URL: www.archives.government.bg

Open: Monday–Friday 09:00–16:00

The archive was created in August 1960.

Funds: The total number is 1.817. 1.171 of them cover the period of socialism; 124 personal, 211 partial receipts; 482 memoirs. In 1994 the archive received the funds of the former BCP archive with 887 funds, 312 partial receipts and 1377 memoirs.

Information about the period of socialism is available in the funds of Lovech Vicar Administration – till 1948, the Regional Court – till 1954; Lovech Town Municipality – till 1945; German language lyceum »Ernst Telman«; state industrial enterprises as: »Velur«; (1949–1992), »Dzhebel« (1946–1990), »Stoyan Edrev« (1960–1996), »Zlatna Panega« (1963–1993), »Izkustvo« (1964–1991), »Elprom« (1961–1993); the personal archive of the journalist Hristo Haralanov.

Publications: County Committee for Bulgarian-Soviet friendship in Troyan (1946–1982). Lovech, 1988; Organisation of museums in Lovech region 1895–1984. Lovech, 1995.

1.2.12 Territorial Directorate »State Archive« – Montana

Address: 3400 Montana
38 Treti mart blv.
Tel/Fax: (00359)096/30 11 04, (00359)096/30 11 05, (00359)096/30 11 06,
(00359)096/30 11 07
e-mail: montana@gua.e-gov.bg
URL: www.archives.government.bg

Director: Plamka Boshnyakova
Open: Monday–Friday 08:30–12:30 and 13:00–17:00

The archive was created on January 1, 1963. Since 1980 it disposes of a new building, appropriate equipment for conservation of documents, restoration, conservation and microfilm laboratory.

Funds: There are 2913 archive funds – 2757 institutional (157.894 files) and 156 personal (12.410 files). From all the files – 170.304, 3004 are with photo documents, 139 are with audio documents, 12 with video documents and 67 with film documents. There are also 1486 memoirs and 561 partial receipts.

The funds related to the period of socialism are 1468 and in 1993 the archive received 852 funds of the former BCP regional structures.

Information about the period of socialism can be found in the funds of the local authorities in the towns of Montana, Lom, Berkovitsa, and those of schools and enterprises. Among the personal funds are those of general Ivan Mihailov, the politician Lachezar Avramov, the archaeologist Georgi Alexandrov, the farmer Georgi Popov, the journalist Naftarim Borisov, the teacher Geroyko Milchev, the composer Dimitar Iliev.

Publications: Guide to the archive funds (1944–1980). Vol. II, Montana, 1989; List of the acquired archive funds from the socialist era 1944–1974. Montana, 1975.

1.2.13 Territorial Directorate »State Archive« – Pazardzhik

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5 Sv. Ivan Rilski, Post Box 23
Tel.: (00359)034/44 44 38,
Tel./Fax (00359)034/44 44 32
e-mail: pazardjik@archives.government.bg
URL: www.archives.government.bg

Open: Monday–Friday 09:00–16:00

The archive was created in March 1960. Since 1981 it is in a new building especially built for this purpose and thus the archive has all the necessary equipment to conserve, restore and present the archive documents. The archive disposes of a restoration and photo laboratory.

Funds: Total number – 2836. Those from the socialist period are 1850 institutional funds (114.969 files) and 125 personal funds. The former BCP archive has 828 institutional funds (23.443 files).

Data about the socialist period can be found in the funds of the county and town administrations in Pazardzhik, Panagurishte and Peshtera; the Popular Bank till 1951; The Vicar Administration – Panagurishte; the Joint-stock company »Biovet« – Peshtera. The personal funds include those of the caricaturists Rayko Aleksiev and Stoyan Bakardzhiev, the artist Georgi Gerasimov, the operetta actress Liliana Koshlukova, the scientist Lyubomir Hristovich, the ophthalmologist Prof. Stoimen Dubov.

Of particular interest is fund 1-B of the former BCP archive with documents of the County Committee of the BCP. Typical of it is the information about national enterprises like the Copper works and refinery »Medet« and »Assarel«, the plants »Optikoelektron«; the electricity-producing cascade »Belmeken-Sestrimo«; Scientific and producing vineyard and wine complex »Septemvri«. Because of the characteristics of the region where large part of the population consists of Bulgarian-speaking Muslims (Pomaks), of particular interest are the documents (decisions, programmes etc.) concerning their regions – Velingrad, Sarnica, etc.

Publications: Guide to the archive funds (1944–1975). Vol. II, Pazardzhik, 1984; Health policy in the region of Pazardzhik (1840–1975). Pazardzhik, 1988; Musical life in Pazardzhik (1883–1983). Pazardzhik, 1990; Socialist transformation of agriculture in the region of Pazardzhik (1944–1958). Pazardzhik, 1986.

1.2.14 Territorial Directorate »State Archive« – Pernik

Address: 2300 Pernik
1 Sv. Sv. Kiril and Metodii
Tel./Fax.: (00359)076/602713
e-mail: pernik@gua.e-gov.bg
URL: www.archives.government.bg

Open: Monday–Friday 08:30–11:30 and 13:00–16.30

The archive was created in October 1959. In 1990 it was transferred to another building – a former property of State Mines Pernik.

Funds: Their total number is 2736 and 1029 of them are related to the socialist period. In 1993 the archive acquired the documents of the former BCP archive with its 851 funds, 61 personal funds and 442 partial receipts.

Information about the period of socialism is available in the funds of the State Mines Pernik; Steel Plant »Stomana«, The Plant for heavy machine construction near Radomir, the Plant for cement in Batanovtsi village; Machine-building plants, local authorities.

Publications: Guide to the archive funds in the State archive – Pernik. Vol. II. 1944–1970. Pernik, 1972; Inventory of the archive funds of the town of Pernik. 1899–1975. Pernik, 1979; Guide to the archive funds (1944–1978). Vol. II, Pernik, 1985; Town Municipal Council – Pernik, 1944–1980. Pernik, 1988;

Town Municipal Council – Radomir, 1945–1979. Pernik, 1988; Town Municipal Council – Breznik, 1944–1988. Pernik, 1989; Machine-building plant »Struma« – Pernik, 1947–1978. Pernik, 1986; County Council – Radomir, 1948–1959. Pernik, 1986.

1.2.15 Territorial Directorate »State Archive« – Pleven

Address: 5800 Pleven
3 Stoyan Zaimov str.
Tel.: (00359)064/823218
Tel.: (00359)064/823783
e-mail: pleven@gua.e-gov.bg
URL: www.archives.government.bg

Open: Monday–Friday 09:00–17:00

The archive was created in April 1952.

Funds: The total number is 3101 with 173.322 files, of which 2894 are institutional (168.685 files), and 1339 of them are related to the period of socialism. In 1993 the archive received the archive documents of the former BCP with 1185 funds, 1101 of them are institutional, partial receipts – 221 and memoirs – 1414.

Information about the period of socialism is available in the funds of the local state and party authorities, trade and firm records until 1949, which provide data about the start and development of industry and agriculture. Among the personal funds are those of the lawyer Velizar Yakov Karakashev, the teacher Pavel Getov and others.

Publications: Guide to the archive funds (1944–1975). Pleven. 1982.

1.2.16 Territorial Directorate »State Archive« – Plovdiv

Address: 4000 Plovdiv
11 Krakra str.
Tel.: (00359)032/632233 - Director,
Fax: (00359)032/632233
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URL: www.archives.government.bg

Open: Monday–Friday 09:00–17:00

The archive was created in April 1952. In 1976 a photo laboratory and a restoration laboratory were equipped. The archive funds are stored in 14 store places. The reading-room has 50 places, computer hall, exhibition hall and conference hall.

Funds: Institutional funds – 3702 and 388 of the former BCP archive, personal funds – 342, partial receipts – 719, memoirs – 847, collections – 14. In 1995 additional 2600 funds were transferred from the former BCP archive.

Information about the period of socialism is available in the funds of the Regional school inspection – till 1948; the Municipal Community of Plovdiv and the Regional Court – till 1948; the International Plovdiv Fair, the personal funds of Plovdiv mayors, eminent artists as Tsanko Lavrenov and Hristo Stanchev, writers Hristo Borina and Ilya Enchev, the actor Dimitar Panov.

Publications: Guide to the archive funds (1944–1980). Vol. I. Institutions, organisations and enterprises. Plovdiv, 1989; Vol. II. Personal Archive funds. Plovdiv. 1990; Printing and publishing houses in Plovdiv from the Liberation till the nationalization (1878–1949). Plovdiv, 1989.

1.2.17 Territorial Directorate »State Archive« – Razgrad

Address: 7200 Razgrad
1 P. R. Slaveykov str.

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e-mail: razgrad@gua.e-gov.bg

URL: www.archives.government.bg

Director: Georgi Atanasov

Open: Monday–Friday 08:30–17:00

The archive was created in January 1963, when the archive documents concerning the region were transferred to Razgrad from the State archive in Ruse, where they were collected up to that moment. In 1988 the archive moved to a newly built building with appropriate working conditions.

Funds: The number of the institutional funds is 1433 (171.197 files), and 1046 of them are for the period of socialism; 51 personal funds (2514 files); 410 memoirs; 893 partial receipts. In 1993 the funds were enriched with documents of the former BCP archive – 728 funds (15.881 files), 26 personal funds, more than 1045 photos, 360 partial receipts, 1327 memoirs, 143 unprocessed folders.

The information about the period of socialism is available in the funds of the Razgrad secondary school »Yossif I« (1878–1994); the County Council (1959–1987); the agricultural co-operative farms, etc. They reveal the administrative and territorial organization, demographic situation; economic life; state and local organizations; construction, public services, agriculture, judiciary system, education, culture, health services.

Publications: Guide to the archive funds (1714–1980). Razgrad, 1987; Personal funds in the State archive – Razgrad (1847–1986). 1992; Socialist transformation of agriculture in Razgrad region (1944–1958). Razgrad, 1987; Socialist transformation of agriculture in Razgrad region (1959–1970). Razgrad, 1988; Consolidation of people's democratic power in Razgrad region (1944–1948). Razgrad, 1989.

1.2.18 Territorial Directorate »State Archive« – Ruse

Address: 7005 Ruse
38 Lipnik blv.
Tel.: (00359)082/84 18 66, (00359)082/84 18 67, (00359)082/84 18 68,
(00359)082/84 18 69
Fax: (00359)082/84 18 66
e-mail: ruse@gua.e-gov.bg
URL: www.archives.government.bg

Open: Monday–Thursday 09:00–15:00

The archive was created in April 1952.

Funds: The total number is 2425 and 1694 of them are institutional. The socialist period is covered in 1278 funds, 133 personal funds, 1023 partial receipts.

The most significant amount of documents comes from institutions, created after the World War II – political parties and organizations, industrial and construction enterprises, agricultural and forestry enterprises; co-operative farms and co-operations, trade firms, financial, educational, scientific and cultural institutions, public health organizations, etc. From the former BCP archives came another 1179 funds. Interesting information can be found in the funds of the Dorostol-Chervenska Bishop Administration till 1949.

Publications: Guide to the archive funds (1944–1983). Vol. II, Ruse, 1988.

1.2.19 Territorial Directorate »State Archive« – Silistra

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5 Gen. Skobelev str.
Tel.: (00359)086/84 34 30 – Director, (00359)086/82 22 27
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URL: www.archives.government.bg

Open: Monday–Friday 09:00–17:00

The archive was created in the beginning of 1963. It occupies a historical building in the centre of Silistra.

Funds: Institutional funds – 1225 (79.071 files); personal funds – 52 (2299 files), memoirs – 218, partial receipts – 690. In 1994 the archive acquired the documents of the former BCP archive with 1090 funds and 17.175 files.

Important information concerning the socialist period can be found in the funds of the so called People's Court – 1945; lists of Bulgarians from the Greek part of Thrace who came in 1944–1945; protocols of giving land to poor and landless peasants according to the Law on Landed Property of

1946; documents revealing the process of accomodating those Bulgarians who had been forced to leave their homes in Northern Dobrudzha after 1940.

Publications: Guide to the archive funds 1944–1980. Silistra, 1986; Collection »31st Silistra infantry regiment. 1878–1985«. Silistra, 1992; Workers’ and trade unionist movement in the Silistra region. Vol.II (1944–1959). Silistra, 1989.

1.2.20 Territorial Directorate »State Archive« – Sliven

Address: 8800 Sliven
41-A Hadzhi Dimitar blv.
Tel.: (00359)044 / 867 23
e-mail: sliven@gua.e-gov.bg
URL: www.archives.government.bg

Open: Monday–Friday 09:00–12:00 and 13:00–16:00

The archive was created in 1959 on the basis of the documents, transferred from the archives of Burgas and Stara Zagora. Since 1985 it occupies a modern building, accommodated to the conservation of documents.

Funds: The total number of institutional funds is 2114; the personal funds are 71, and there are 407 partial receipts.

Information about the period of socialism is available in the funds of: Sliven Bishop Administration – till 1949; the textile joint stock company »Ilya Kalov« till 1947; community library »Zora«. They contain information on different aspects of social, political and cultural life. There are some interesting personal funds: Dobri Dobrev, Konstantin Konstantinov, Russi Russev, Georgi Arnaudov.

Publications: Inventory records: Dobri Dobrev (1890–1973) – an artist. Sliven, 1987; Konstantin Konstantinov (1890–1970) – a writer. Sliven, 1987; Community administration – Sliven (1878–1948). 1994.

1.2.21 Territorial Directorate »State Archive« – Smolyan

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78 Balgariya blv.
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(00359)0301 / 63 284 – experts
e-mail: smolian@gua.e-gov.bg
URL: www.archives.government.bg

Open: Monday–Friday 08:30–17:00

The archive was created in 1963. Since 1988 it is situated in an appropriate building with specialized laboratories, depositories and reading room.

Funds: The total number of funds and collections is 1982 (163.228 files), of which 261 are personal funds with 21.246 files. There are 1.130 partial receipts and 580 memoirs. In 1993 the archive received 673 funds with 13.505 files from the former BCP archive.

Data concerning the socialist period can be found in the funds of the administrative and territorial offices, as well as in the funds on economic development and refugee problems.

Publications: Guide to the archive funds (1944–1985). Vol. II, Smolyan, 1993.

1.2.22 Territorial Directorate »State Archive« – Sofia

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5 Moskovska str.
Tel.: (00359)02/9400106 / Fax: (00359)02/9801443
e-mail: sofia@archives.government.bg
URL: www.archives.government.bg

Open: Monday–Friday 08:30–12:30 and 13:00–17:00

The archive was created in 1952 under the name Sofia Municipal and Regional State Archive. The archive funds were formed on the basis of the municipal archive of Sofia community council.

Funds: The total number of the funds is 5.086 with 402.902 files, of which 4961 are institutional (389.555 files), 125 – personal (13.347 files), 333 partial receipts (1436 files), 537 memoirs. In 1993 the archive received the documents of the former Regional BCP archive, which consisted of 1119 funds with 19.247 files and of the Municipal BCP archive – Sofia with 2664 funds.

Information about the socialist period is available in the archive funds of the City Council of Sofia; the town administration of Samokov; Sofia University »St. Kliment Ohridski«; Water-supply system »Rila-Sofia«; the regional archives of the BCP organizations.

1.2.23 Territorial Directorate »State Archive« – Stara Zagora

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81 Gen. Gurko str.
Tel.: (00359)042/251164
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URL: www.archives.government.bg

Director: Stoyanka Gospodinova
Open: Monday–Friday 08:30–12:30 and 13:00–16:00
Closed the last day of each month

The archive was created in April 1952. In 1968 it moved to its own building.

Funds: Total availability on April 1, 2006 – 2.561 funds, of which 2359 – institutional, 202 – personal and 565 – partial receipts. Entirely related to the period of socialism are 165 funds.

Information about socialist period is available in the funds of: the Regional Directorate – Stara Zagora – till 1947; community libraries »Rodina« and »Razvitiye«; Charity committee »St. Ivan Milostivi«; the Stara Zagora Bishop administration; tobacco factory »Trakia« (1934–1998), state enterprise »Zagorka« – Brewer factory (1955–1994), Mine and power producing works »Maritsa-iztok« – Radnevo (1962–1992), Land directorate – till 1952, Regional council (1945–1987), Chemical works (1959–1987), as well as the personal funds of Mara Shopova, Nediu Alexandrov, Petkana Zaharieva, Rene and Stoyan Yordanov.

Publications: Guide to the archive funds 1944–1977. Vol. II, Stara Zagora, 1983; Regional committee of the Fatherland Front, Stara Zagora. 1944–1981. Stara Zagora, 1988; Regional chamber of economics – Stara Zagora 1943–1948. Stara Zagora, 1986; Stara Zagora Bishop Administration. 1886–1952. Stara Zagora, 1994; Community library »Rodina«, Stara Zagora; Model community library »Rodina«, Stara Zagora. 1900–1980. Stara Zagora, 1986.

1.2.24 Territorial Directorate »State Archive« – Targovishte

Address: 7700 Targovishte
5 Klisura str.
Tel./ Fax: (00359)0601 / 63 778
e-mail: targovishte@gua.e-gov.bg
URL: www.archives.government.bg

Open: Monday–Friday 09:00–12:00 and 13:30–16:30

The archive was created in March 1963.

Funds: The total number of funds is 2493, of which 1116 contain information about the period of socialism; 64 are personal funds, 1753 are partial receipts. After 1993 the archive received the documents of the former archive of the regional BCP organization with 877 funds and 1510 partial receipts.

Rich data concerning the socialist period are available in the funds of regional and municipal councils and community bodies of the towns Omurtag, Popovo, Targovishte; the regional organizations of BCP – Targovishte; the regional committee of the Fatherland Front; the organization of the Transport trade union – Popovo; the Board of »The Assumption« Church; the community library »Napredak«; the regional library – Omurtag; the Regional Court – Popovo; the community authorities of Baba Tonka village near Popovo; Wine factory – Targovishte; the Regional selection stock-breeding centre – Targovishte; the »White brotherhood« religious community. Of special interest are the personal funds of Vassil Koen, the priest Vasilii Yakov, Prof. Gancho Papurov, Dimitar Stefanov, the local historian Dimitar Harizanov, the post office clerk Konstantin Kutev, the lawyer Nedelcho Kuimdzhiiev,

the communist functionary Petar Lazarov, the artist Piotr Butenko, the teacher Simeon Donev, the historian Stefan Velikov, the poet Cheriu Chendov.

Publications: Guide to the archive funds 1944–1979. Vol. II, Targovishte, 1989; 25 Years State archive – Targovishte. Sofia, 1988; Torch of education and patriotism – 80 years secondary school »S. Velchev« – Omurtag. Varna, 1994.

1.2.25 Territorial Directorate »State Archive« – Haskovo

Address: 6300 Haskovo
7 Svoboda square
Tel. / Fax: (00359) 038 / 62 40 34 – Director,
(00359) 038 / 62 26 25
e-mail: haskovo@gua.e-gov.bg
URL: www.archives.government.bg

Open: Monday–Friday 08:30–16:30

The archive was created in April 1952.

Funds: The number of the institutional funds is 2386 with 153.077 files., 118 personal funds with 7033 files, 611 memoirs and 938 partial receipts. The documents are classified in two groups – till 1944 and afterwards. In 2003 the archive received another 1574 funds (30.481 files) from the former Haskovo BCP Regional archive.

Information about the period of socialism is available in the funds of the local authorities, the Regional council of Haskovo; the Fatherland Front committee, the Jewish community in Haskovo, the Muslim religious community.

Publications: Guide to the archive funds 1944–1978. Vol. II, Haskovo, 1994.

1.2.26 Territorial Directorate »State Archive« – Shumen

Address: 9700 Shumen
18 Tsar Kaloyan str.
Tel.: (00359) 054 / 57 597
Tel. / Fax: (00359) 054 / 55 338;
Mobile: (00359) 0888 / 66 52 32
e-mail: shumen@gua.e-gov.bg
URL: www.archives.government.bg

Director: Yordanka Yaneva
Open: Monday–Friday 09:00–17:00

The archive was created in April 1952. In 1997 it moved to the renovated former building of the Regional library.

Funds: The number of institutional funds is 2278 (187.283 files); 213 are personal funds (14.064 files). In 1993 the archive received the archive of the regional BCP organization containing 1054 institutional funds with 23.767 files and 4 personal funds with 152 files.

Information about the period of socialism is available in the funds, concerning the economic and social development of Shumen region after 1944, such as the funds of the industry enterprises KTA »Madara«, SKOA, Ship building works »Mayak« – Novi Pazar; Ceramic plant – Kaspichan; Glass and porcelain works »Kitka« – Novi Pazar; the funds of the Pedagogical institut »Dr Petar Beron« – Shumen, the secondary schools, community libraries, the Regional library – Shumen.

Publications: Guide to the documental treasures of Shumen region 1944–1961. Vol. II, Shumen, 1967; Guide to the archive funds 1944–1994. Vol. II, Silistra, 2000; Document and Information Reference Book. Vol. II Shumen, 1995; Chronicle of dates and events. Published in the period 1989–1990.

1.2.27 Territorial Directorate »State Archive« – Yambol

Address: 8600 Yambol
24 George Papazov str.
Tel./Fax: (00359)046/663367
e-mail: yambol@gua.e-gov.bg
URL: www.archives.government.bg

Open: Monday–Friday 09:00–17:00

The archive was created in April 1952. Its first director was Ivan Ivanov. His successor Rayna Trupkova organized the collection of photos and film documents. In the beginning the archive had been situated in the old mosque »Abu Bekir« (it had been built in 1298 as a church and in 1413 had been transformed into a mosque). In 1979 the archive was situated in another building of historical value, which was renewed in 1988–1991 and adapted to the needs of the archive. Now it has modern depositories and special protective measures.

Funds: The number of the institutional funds is 2726, of which 1100 are related to the socialist period. After 1993 the archive received the documents of the former archive of BCP with 1240 funds. The personal funds are 111, of which 78 are for the socialist period; from the massive BCP holdings – 9 personal funds. There are 196 partial receipts and 826 memoirs.

Information about the period of socialism is available in the funds of the local authorities, the Municipal councils, the Regional committee of BCP, State machine building plant »Sila«, Weaving workshop »Tundzha«; printing and publishing house »Svetlina«, Bulgarian agricultural bank – Elhovo; the personal funds of the teacher Asparuh Kraichev and of the writer Strashimir Krinchev.

Publications: Guide to the archive funds 1944–1977. Vol. II, Yambol, 1983; Development of the education in the Yambol region 1944–1985. Vol. II, Yambol, 1990.

1.3 Archives of cultural institutions

1.3.1 Bulgarian National Film Store (BNF)

Address: Sofia
36 Yosif V. Gurko str,
Tel.: (00359)02/987 37 40, (00359)02/987 02 96, (00359)02/987 13 92
Fax: (00359)02/987 60 04
e-mail: filmoteka@bnf.bg
URL: www.bnf.bg

Director: Plamen Maslarov

The film store preserves the film treasures of Bulgaria. Its task is to collect, restore, conserve and keep films and other materials related to cinema – archive documents, audio-visual documents of historical and artistic value. The department »Film Fund« preserves documentary films, newsreels, movies. One part of the film collection is periodically presented in »Odeon« cinema, where there are lectures on different themes related to the history of cinema. BNF disposes of a library with video films, film slogans, reviews, newspapers, photos, books and other publications on cinema. The film fund is accessible to artists, film experts, students and amateurs.

1.3.2 »The Golden Fund« of Bulgarian National Radio (BNR)

Address: 1040 Sofia
4 Dragan Tsankov blv.
Tel.: (00359)02/933 62 20
e-mail: zlatenfund@bnr.bg
URL: www.bnr.bg/AboutBNR/den_GoldFund

Director: Silvia Emiryan

The archive of BNR is the place where sound-recordings and reference books on historical events are collected and conserved. There are phonograms and evidence recordings of historical moments of Bulgarian social, political and cultural life during the years of socialism: speeches of writers, artists, poets, politicians. »The Golden Fund« of BNR was officially created in 1957, but it possesses recordings enregistered in 1897 (»Bulgarian folk dance« of Alois Motsak). Currently »The Golden Fund« possesses 12.000 files. Copies of them can be received at a price, varying from 6 to 100 leva per minute depending on the historical value of the recording.

1.3.3 »The Golden Fund« and »TV Fund« Department of Bulgarian National TV (BNT)

Address: 1504 Sofia
29 San Stefano str.

Tel./Fax: (00359)02/943 60 55

e-mail: tvfound@bnt.bg

URL: www.bnt/tv_fond

Director: Atanas Svilenov

The TV Fund of BNT preserves TV, video and audio recordings in various technical forms from 1959 onwards (Bulgarian TV year of birth). The first archival video programmes date from 1975. Written information about the collection of the TV Fund is available since 1977. »The Golden Fund« was created in 1992. The TV Fund has 64.800 files 42.200 of which are TV broadcasting programmes, 6800 are movies and TV productions, 7500 are documentaries, 4900 – animated cartoons, 3400 – show and musical programmes, 180.000 – news reports and newsreels. The film depository is in the »Zaharna fabrika« quarter and it is equipped with 2 film show halls. »The Golden Fund« also preserves the BNT photoarchive with 35.198 films, 542.230 sequences and 41.270 copies of movie tapes. The audioarchive contains 46.166 video winners with 44.793 hours of recordings of 66.750 subject titles.

2 RESEARCH INSTITUTIONS

2.1 Universities

2.1.1 Sofia University »St. Kliment Ohridski«. History Faculty

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15 Tsar Osvoboditel blv.
Rectorate, 2nd floor

Tel.: (00359) 02 / 9308 223
Fax: (00359) 02 / 946 30 22
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URL: www.clio.uni-sofia.bg

Dean: Prof. Ivan Ilchev, DSc

Sofia University is the oldest Bulgarian university, founded in 1888 and the History faculty was one of the first faculties. At the History faculty contemporary Bulgarian history research work and teaching are carried out in the following departments: »Bulgarian History«; »Modern and Contemporary History«; »History of Byzantium and the Balkan peoples«; »Ethnology«; »Archival studies«. The faculty disposes of a rich library, open from Monday to Friday from 09:30 till 17:00.

Publications: »Sofia University Annual. History Faculty«.

2.1.2 University of Veliko Tarnovo »St. Cyril and St. Methodius«. Faculty of History and Law

Address: 5000 Veliko Tarnovo
2 Teodosii Tarnovski str.

Tel.: (00359) 062 / 650 333
e-mail: mbox@uni-vt.bg
URL: www.uni-vt.bg

Dean: Assoc. Prof. Mincho Minchev, PhD

The Faculty of History and Law carries out research work and academic education on problems concerning the socialist period of Bulgarian history.

Publications: »Epoхи« – review of history, since 1993.

2.1.3 Plovdiv University »Paisii Hilendarski«. Faculty of Philosophy and History

Address: 4000 Plovdiv
24 Tsar Asen str;
236 Bulgaria blv.
e-mail: pduniv@uni-plovdiv.bg
URL: www.uni-plovdiv.bg

Head of the Department of History: Assoc. Prof. Ivan Dzhambov, PhD

History education in Plovdiv University began in 1994 in the Faculty of Languages and Literature. In 1995 the Department of History was established. Independent programmes of history started in 2002. The faculty of Philosophy and History was established in 2002. Its Department of History offers education and carries out research work on the problems of contemporary Bulgarian history.

Institute for Critical Social Research

URL: www.logos.uni-plovdiv.bg

The Institute was founded in 1992 within the structure of Faculty of Philosophy and History at Plovdiv University »Paisii Hilendarski«. It organizes conferences, international courses for PhD students, seminars, part of which are related to the period of socialism.

2.1.3.1 College »Liuben Karavelov« of Kardzhali

Address: 6600 Kardzhali
24 Belomorski blv.
Tel./ Fax: (00359)0361 / 65 266

Director: Assoc. Prof. Lyudmil Spasov, DSc

The College has a Social Sciences Department, where students receive pedagogical training as teachers in history. Many of these students come from the region of Kardzhali where the majority of the population is Turkish. They study contemporary Bulgarian history and their professors carry out research work on problems, concerning the period after World War II.

2.1.3.2 Affiliate College of Smolyan

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32 Dicho Petrov str.
Tel.: (00359)0301 / 62 339, (00359)0301 / 62 405
e-mail: filial-sm@mbox.digsys.bg

Director: Assoc. Prof. Atanas Buchkov, PhD – Tel.: (00359)0301 / 62 344

The College of Plovdiv University began as teacher training institute in 1962. In 1997 it was promoted to its current status – a college specialized in undergraduate teacher training mainly for the needs of the region. Contemporary Bulgarian history is taught in the programmes »Bulgarian Language and History« and »History and Geography«. The college library holds more than 75.000 volumes.

2.1.4 University of Shumen »Konstantin Preslavski«. Faculty of Humanities

Address: 9712 Shumen
115 Universitetska str.
Dean's Office: Building I, office 107
Tel.: (00359)054/83 03 91
URL: www.shu-bg.net

Dean: Assoc. Prof. Stoyan Vitlyanov, PhD

Part of the Faculty of Humanities in the University of Shumen is the Department of History and Archaeology. It carries out teaching and research work on contemporary Bulgarian history. Besides the undergraduate courses, this is also carried out in the MA programme »Bulgaria and the Balkans«.

Publications: »Trudove na katedrite po istoria i bogoslovie« (Annals of the History and Theology Department); »Istorikii« – a historical review.

2.1.5 South-West University »Neofit Rilski« – Blagoevgrad. Faculty of Law and History

Address: 2700 Blagoevgrad
1 Georgi Izmirliiev-Makedoncheto Square
Tel. / Fax: (00359)023/88 66 17, (00359)023/931 05 28
e-mail: admin@law.swu.bg
URL: www.law.swu.bg

Dean: Prof. Aleksandar Vodenicharov, PhD

The teaching and research work on Bulgarian history and the period of socialism is carried out in the departments of »Bulgarian History and Archaeology« and »General History«. The University organizes the International Seminar for Balkan Studies and Research.

Publications: »Balkanistic Forum« – a review.

2.1.6 University of National and World Economy. Faculty of International Economy and Politics

Address: 1700 Sofia
Studentski grad »Hristo Botev« (Campus)

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Research work and teaching of contemporary Bulgarian history are carried out in the Faculty of International Economy and Politics. This faculty was established on the basis of the International Economic Relations Department that existed since 1970s. The staff of the faculty investigate the foreign policy and the economic relations of Bulgaria after the Second World War.

2.1.7 New Bulgarian University. Department of History

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21 Montevideo str. – Ovcha kupel
Building 2, office 206

Tel. (00359)02/811 02 76

e-mail: lstoianov@nbu.bg

URL: www.nbu.bg
www.nbu.bg/historyproject

Head: Assoc. Prof. Lachezar Stoyanov, PhD

The New Bulgarian University (NBU) is a private higher school, established in 1991. In the Department of History part of the teaching and research activities are directed towards Bulgarian history in the socialist period. The research projects concerning contemporary Bulgarian history are: »Documents from the BCP archive« in two volumes (1944–1962 and 1963–1989); »Bulgaria in the context of the development of Europe in modern times«; »History of international relations and diplomacy«; »Bulgarian society and Bulgarian totalitarian state«, »The totalitarian state of Bulgaria 1944–1989«; »Catalogue of archival documents«; »Bulgarian society during the second half of XX century«.

2.2 Bulgarian Academy of Sciences

2.2.1. Institute of History

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Director: Corr. Memb. Prof. DSc., PhD Georgi Markov
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The main academic historical institution established with the purpose to carry out scientific research on the Bulgarian past. Within the structure of the Institute there is a special department of contemporary history, which deals with various aspects of the period of socialism.

Publications: Periodicals: »Izvestia na Instituta po istoria« (»Bulletin of the Institute of History«); »Etudes Historiques«; academic journals: »Bulgarian Historical review« and »Istoricheski pregled« (»Historical review«).

2.2.2 Institute of Balkan Studies

Address: 1000 Sofia
45 Moskovska str.
Tel.: (00359)02/9815124
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Director: Prof. Agop Garabedian, PhD

The Institute of Balkan Studies was established to stimulate research in the sphere of common Balkan history. It combines the efforts of many scientists working in different fields of history of this region. One of the Institute's departments is »The Balkans after the Second World War«. It studies the socio-political and economic processes in the Balkan states in a comparative way.

Publications: »Etudes Balkaniques« – scientific journal; »Studia Balkanica«.

2.2.3 Ethnographical Institute and Museum

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Tel.: (00359)02/9884209
Fax: (00359)02/9801162
e-mail: ethno@ibn.bg
URL: www.hs41.iccs.bas.bg

Director: Senior Researcher DSc Rachko Popov

The Institute carries out research work on the problems of Bulgarian traditional culture, including the socialist period.

Publications: »Bulgarian Ethnology« – a review.

2.2.4 Institute for Literature

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52 Shipchenski prohod str., block 17
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URL: www.ilit.bas.bg

Director: Senior Researcher PhD Raya Kancheva

The Institute is a research centre for Bulgarian literature from the Middle Ages to the present days, including the period of socialism.

Publications: Periodicals – »Literaturna misal« – journal; »Ezik i literatura« – review.

2.2.5 Institute for Bulgarian Language

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52 Shipchenski prohod str., block 17
Tel.: (00359)02/8707396
Tel./ Fax: (00359)02/8722303
e-mail: ible@ibl.bas.bg
URL: www.ibl.bas.bg

Director: Prof. DSc. Vasil Rainov

The Institute is the main centre for the study and description of the Bulgarian language – its history (including the period of socialism) and present state and its relations with other languages.

Publications: »Bulgarian Language« magazine.

2.2.6 Institute for Folklore

Address: 1113 Sofia
Acad. Georgi Bonchev str., bl. 6
Tel.: (00359)02/871 3643, (00359)02/870 42 09
e-mail: folklor@ifolk.bas.bg
URL: www.ipsyh.bas.bg/ifolk

Director: Prof. DSc. Mila Santova

The Institute collects works of Bulgarian traditional art and literature and carries out research work on the folklore heritage of Bulgarian people.

Publications: »Bulgarian Folklore« review

2.2.7 Institute of Economics

Address: 1040 Sofia
3 Aksakov str.
Tel.: (00359)02/987 58 79
Fax: (00359)02/988 21 08
e-mail: ineco@iki.bas.bg
URL: www.iki.bas.bg

Director: Senior Researcher Dr. Mitko Dimitrov

The Institute carries out scientific research on the history and present situation of global and Bulgarian economy (including the period of socialism) and outlines the perspectives of their development.

Publications: »Ikonomicheska Misal« (»Review of Economics«)

2.2.8 Institute for Philosophical Research

Address: 1000 Sofia
6 Patriarh Evtimii blv.
Tel.: (00359)02/987 37 02, (00359)02/981 07 91
e-mail: philosophybulgaria@abv.bg
URL: www.philosophybulgaria.org

Director: Corr. Memb. Prof. DSc., PhD Vasil Prodanov

Among the institute's major research topics are the problems of history of philosophy – history of Bulgarian philosophical thought and its place in national culture and identity, including the years of socialism in Bulgaria.

Publications: Journal »Philosophical Alternatives«.

2.2.9 Institute for Legal Studies

Address: 1000 Sofia
4 Serdika str.
Tel.: (00359)02/9879785
Fax: (00359)02/9892597
e-mail: ipn_ban@bas.bg
URL: www.ipn.bas.bg

Director: Senior Research Fellow Dr. Veselin Tsankov

This is the only scientific organization in Bulgaria where research projects in the field of law are carried out, including the development of the judicial system and law during the period of socialism.

Publications: Periodical »Pravna Misal« (»Legal Theory«).

2.2.10 Institute of Sociology

Address: 1000 Sofia
13 Moskovska str.
Tel.: (00359)02/9807476
Fax: (00359)02/9805895
e-mail: snej@sociology.bas.bg
URL: www.sociology-bg.org

Director: Senior Research Assoc. Velina Topalova, PhD

The Institute carries out research work on the problems of Bulgarian society including the period of socialism.

Publications: Quarterly journal »Sociological Problems«.

2.2.11 Institute of Art Studies

Address: 1504 Sofia
21 Krakra str.
Tel.: (00359) 02 / 944 24 14
Fax: (00359) 02 / 943 30 92
e-mail: artstudies@yahoo.com
URL: www.arts.bas.bg

Director: Senior Research Assoc. Aleksandar Yanakiev, PhD

The Institute studies the works of art and the history of Bulgarian art including the period of socialism.

Publications: Journal »Problemi na izkustvoto« (»Problems of Art«); quarterly »Balgarsko muzikoznanie« (»Bulgarian Musicology«)

2.2.12 Centre for Population Studies

Address: 1113 Sofia
Akad. Georgi Bonchev str., Bl. 6
Tel.: (00359) 02 / 870 53 03
Fax: (00359) 02 / 870 04 08
e-mail: cps@cc.bas.bg
URL: www.cps.bas.bg

Director: Assoc. Prof. Tatyana Kotseva, PhD

The Centre studies the tendencies of the population development including the period of socialism.

Publications: »Naselenie« (»Population«) review

2.2.13 Centre for Architectural Studies

Address: 1113 Sofia
Akad. Georgi Bonchev str., Bl. 1
Tel.: (00359) 02 / 877 23 53, (00359) 02 / 872 46 20
e-mail: danizen@iwt.bas.bg
URL: www.bas.bg/arch

Director: Prof. Konstantin Bojadzhev, R. A., PhD

The Centre studies the history and theory of architecture and urbanism in the Bulgarian lands from antiquity to modern times, including socialist period.

2.2.14 Centre for Science Studies and History of Science

Address: 1000 Sofia
4 Serdika str.

Tel.: (00359)02/9804757, (00359)02/9817946

e-mail: sts@unitednetwork.com

URL: www.bas.bg/csshs

Director: Prof. Kostadinka Simeonova, DSc

Part of the research activity of the Centre is focused on the historical development of Bulgarian science, including the period of socialism.

2.2.15 Institute of Geography

Address: 1113 Sofia
Akad. Georgi Bonchev str., Bl. 3

Tel.: (00359)02/9733684

Fax: (00359)02/8700204

e-mail: geograph@bas.bg

URL: www.geograph.bas.bg

Director: Senior Research Fellow Georgi Atanasov, PhD

Some projects of the Institute deal with the investigation and analysis in the field of national economy, including the geographical aspects of economic development during the period of socialism.

3 LIBRARIES

3.1 St. St. Cyril and Methodius National Library

Address: 1037 Sofia
88 Vasil Levski blvd.
Tel.: (00359) 02 / 988 28 11
Fax: (00359) 02 / 843 54 95
e-mail: nl@nationallibrary.bg
URL: www.nationallibrary.bg

Director: Prof. DSc Boryana Hristova
Open: Monday–Friday 08:30–20:30
Saturday 08:30–18:30
Closed to the public last Tuesday each month and in August for inventory

This is the oldest and the richest library in Bulgaria which has depository department and Bulgarian Book Archive; collection »Bulgarica«; specialized photo collection (including the period of socialism) and post cards collection. The »Official Editions« Department keeps over 500.000 items of official Bulgarian editions published after 1944. The »Cartographic and Graphic Editions« Department preserves albums, catalogues, genuine graphic works and slogans from the period after 1948.

The specialized collection »Manuscripts, archival materials and photographs« can be consulted in reading room No. 1: Monday–Friday 08:30–18:00 and Saturday 09:00–15:00.

The research room No. 4 for social sciences is open Monday–Friday 08:30–20:30 and Saturday 08:30–19:00.

3.2 Central Library of the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences

Address: 1040 Sofia
1, »15 noemvri« str.
Tel.: (00359) 02 / 987 89 66, (00359) 02 / 989 84 46, extention 251
e-mail: library@cl.bas.bg
URL: www.cl.bas.bg

Director: Senior research Fellow Dincho Krastev, PhD
Open: Monday–Friday 09:00–17:00
Closed to the public last Monday of every month

Leading scientific library, founded in 1896. It keeps private collections of some members of BAS. All scientific periodical publications and books from the period of socialism and containing information about the period are accessible to the public.

3.3 University Library St Kliment Ohridski

Address: 1504 Sofia
15 Tsar Osvoboditel blvd
Tel.: (00359)02/8467584
Fax: (00359)02/8467170
e-mail: lsu@libsu.uni-sofia.bg
URL: www.libsu.uni-sofia.bg

Director: Assoc. Prof. Ivanka Yankova, PhD

Sofia University Library preserves a great number of scientific and reference books as well as periodicals related to Bulgarian history during the times of socialism. It disposes of an electronic catalog and specialized reading rooms. Its funds and reading rooms are accessible to disabled people. It publishes the bulletins »Books Newsletter« and »University Library Newsletter«.

3.4 The Library of Sofia

Address: 1000 Sofia
4 Slaveikov square
Tel.: (00359)02/9862169
e-mail: libsofdir@libsofia.bg
URL: www.libsofia.bg

Director: Georgi Belchev
Open: Monday 08:30–19:45
Tuesday 08:30–19:45
Wednesday 12:00–19:45
Thursday 08:30–19:45
Friday 08:30–19:45
Saturday 09:00–14:45 – on request only

The Library of the Capital of Sofia was founded in 1928. The access to its funds is free. It offers through the system of borrowing and specialized reading rooms over one million items (books, periodicals, graphic works, cartographic and official publications). A large part of them are related to the period of socialism. There is a separate regional fund related to Sofia as a capital and reading rooms on different subjects.

3.5 »Ivan Vazov« National Library – Plovdiv

Address: 4000 Plovdiv
17 Avksentii Veleshki str.
Tel.: (00359) 02 / 62 29 15, (00359) 02 / 62 50 46
Tel. / Fax: (00359) 02 / 62 47 25
e-mail: nbiv@libplovdiv.com; nbiv@evrokom.net
URL: www.libplovdiv.com

Director: Senior research fellow Radka Koleva, PhD
Open: Monday–Saturday 08:00–20:00 (from April till October)
08:00–19:00 (from November till March)
Sunday 08:00–16:00

This is the second library in Bulgaria according to the total number of books as well as the second national depository of Bulgarian printed output. The library was founded in 1879. Its library stock contains over 1.500.000 items, including those related to socialism. From 1965 till 1990 it published a bibliographic guide about the towns and villages in the district of Plovdiv. In 1960 a Regional Studies Department was founded with collections of published books of writers from Plovdiv or their manuscripts, memoirs, scientific researches, projects of Plovdiv artists (Ioan Leviev, Dimitar Kirov, Encho Pironkov), collection of audio and video recordings.

4 CENTRES, FOUNDATIONS AND ASSOCIATIONS

4.1 Centre for Liberal Strategies

Address: 1000 Sofia
135 Georgi S. Rakovski str.
Tel.: (00359)02/981 89 26, (00359)02/986 14 33
e-mail: cls@cls-sofia.org
URL: www.cls-sofia.org

Director: Ivan Krastev

Non-governmental organization, established in Sofia in 1994 with the purpose to study the processes that take place in Bulgarian society and to formulate liberal strategies.

In 2004 two non-governmental organizations – The Centre for Liberal Strategies and The Centre for Culture and Debates »The Red House« – organised a seminar »The Future through the Culture of the Past. Bulgarian Economic and Social History« as a research project dealing with problems of social and economic history, including the period of socialism. Head of the project – Dr. Rumen Avramov (e-mail: Roumen@cls-sofia.org; URL: www.redhouse-sofia.org/bg/projects).

4.2 Centre for Advanced Study (CAS)

Address: 1000 Sofia
70 Neofit Rilski str.
Tel.: (00359)02/980 37 04
Fax: (00359)02/980 36 62
e-mail: gateway@cas.bg
URL: www.cas.bg; www.gate.cas.bg

Director: Diana Mishkova, PhD

Non-governmental organization aiming at organizing, promoting and co-ordinating academic studies in the field of humanities and social sciences. It initiates long-term projects and academic events and has its own publications – CAS Newsletter and CAS Working Paper Series. The study of the period of socialism is concentrated in the project »Bulgarian Communism. Critical Readings«.

4.3 Institute for Studies of the Recent Past

Address: 1000 Sofia
11 Slaveykov square, office 402
Tel./Fax: (00359)02/9814988
e-mail: znepolski@abv.bg
URL: www.minaloto.org

Director: Prof. DSc. Ivaylo Znepolski

This recently founded institute is planning to study the regime in Bulgaria from 1944 till 1989 from historical, psychological, social and even anthropological points of view. It is also aiming at collecting, preserving and publishing documents, memoirs, diaries and artefacts of that period.

4.4 Institute for the Research of Communist Crimes

Director: Kalin Manolov
Mobile: (00359)0888/705849
e-mail: kalin@fd-bg.com

The Institute was founded on January 15, 2005 in Sofia by historians, journalists, scientists and other public figures with the task to study and carry out research work of Communist ideology and practice in Bulgaria and to inform Bulgarian and world society about the Communist crimes, thus bringing about its condemnation.

Director of the Institute Board is Kalin Manolov – a journalist; Deputy Director – Stoyan Gruichev [Tel.: (00359)02/8582054]. Members of the Board – the historians Prof. Plamen Tsvetkov, PhD; and Assoc. Prof. Evelina Kelbecheva; the economist Nikola Kazanski, Senior Research Fellow; Emilia Tsankova – theatre producer; the writer Hristo Troanski.

4.5 Bulgarian Historical Society

Address: 1113 Sofia
52 Shipchenski prohod str., bl. 17
Tel.: (00359)02/8708513
Tel./Fax: (00359)02/8702191
e-mail: prof_markov@abv.bg

Chairman: Corr. Mem. Prof. DSc Georgi Markov

A professional organization of Bulgarian historians founded in 1901. It has contributed to the development of historical science in Bulgaria through its scientific publications and the organization of congresses and conferences. In 2004 after a period of break it was revived. Its aims are organizing of conferences, publishing documents and periodicals, etc.

4.6 **Open Society Institute, Sofia**

Address: 1000 Sofia
56 Solunska str.
Tel.: (00359)02/9306619
Fax: (00359)02/9516348
e-mail: info@osf.bg
URL: www.osf.bg

OSI is a non-governmental organization, working out and giving financial support to projects, related to the period of socialism. The accent is on the development of liberal values and ideas and on the promotion and support of the open civil society.

4.7 **»Ivan Hadjiyski« Institute for Social Values and Structures**

Address: 1504 Sofia
22 Yanko Sakazov blvd
Tel.: (00359)02/9433044
Fax: (00359)02/9433068
e-mail: office@ih-institute.org
URL: www.ih-institute.org

Director: Prof. DSc. Petar-Emil Mitev

The Institute was founded in 1997 as a private scientific institute. It has the following goals: studies of social structures, social stratification and social mobility; research on the dynamics of social attitudes and values and their impact on political and electoral behaviour. It carries out comparative research in Balkan and East European countries and organizes conferences and seminars.

The institute is collecting and preserving a great number of documents, memoirs and diaries dating from the period of socialism.

4.8 **Centre for Historical and Political Research – Bulgarian Socialist Party**

Address: 1000 Sofia
20 Pozitano str.
Tel.: (00359)02/9818552
e-mail: info@bsp.bg
URL: www.bsp.bg/cgi-bin/e-cms/vis/

Director: Prof. DSc Nora Ananieva

CHPR is the successor of the Institute of History of the BCP – a structure within the frames of the BCP's Central Committee. It carries out research work on problems of modern social-democracy in the context of European integration and globalization; problems of BSP theory and practice, its development and future identity as a member of the Socialist International and the Party of European Socialists (PES). It is responsible of the party documentation and archive; the contacts with science institutions and civil organizations; international co-operation. Historians from CHPR carry out investigation research projects related to the period of socialism in Bulgaria.

4.9 Union of the Repressed by the Communist Terror in Bulgaria

Address: 1000 Sofia
134, Rakovsky Str., floor 3, office 6
Tel.: (00359)02/9306123

Chairman: Dr Ivan Nikolov
Mobile: (00359)/0889698757

The Union was founded in September 1989 in Plovdiv as Club of the Repressed after 1945 with Dimitar Batalov as chairman. The Club took part in the creation of the Union of Democratic Forces (UDF). On March 21, 1990 its National Conference adopted its Statute and Program. The Club had 5 deputies in the Great National Assembly in the group of the UDF. On March 31, 1991 the National Conference decided to change the name of the Club – the new name became »Union of the Victims of the Repressions after Sept. 9, 1944« and it moved to Sofia. It organizes together with other institutions conferences and seminars informing about communist history and its crimes.

4.10 Foundation »Georgi Dimitrov«

Address: 1000 Sofia
20 Positano str.

Director: Chavdar Stoimenov

The foundation carries out research and publishing projects concerning the Bulgarian communist leader Georgi Dimitrov. It gives rewards for scientific and art works about G. Dimitrov's life and deeds.

4.11 The Free and Democratic Bulgaria Foundation

Address: 1000 Sofia
24 Iurii Venelin str., entrance 2
Tel.: (00359)02/989 17 84
Tel./ Fax: (00359)02/988 82 73
e-mail: fdbfound@mail.bol.bg
URL: www.fdbfoundation.org

Chairman: Dimitar Panitza (jdpanitza@fdbf.org)
Executive Director: Lenko Lenkov (lenko.lenkov@fdbfoundation.org)

The Free and Democratic Bulgaria Foundation was founded as a private organization on June 14, 1991 by Yvonne and Dimitar (John) Panitza with the purpose to bring about the democratization of Bulgarian society through supporting political pluralism, free press, market economy, social tolerance, youth education and free and open dialogue.

The activities of the foundation include among others support of publishing valuable books on history, philosophy, politics and economics, including the problems of the communist past.

4.12 TANGRA TanNakRa Foundation – All Bulgarian Foundation

Address: 1000 Sofia
POB 1832
Tel.: (00359)02/986 44 19
Fax: (00359)02/986 69 45
e-mail: mail@tangra-bg.org
URL: www.tangra-bg.org

Chairmen of the managing board: Petko N.Kolev, Dimitar Dimitrov

The foundation was established in 1997 with the purpose to support studies on Bulgarian history. It publishes books (monographs, collections of essays, atlases, textbooks, etc.) on the history of the Bulgarian communities abroad and the minority groups in Bulgaria as Armenians, Jews and others, the period of communism included.

5 MUSEUMS AND SITES OF MEMORY

5.1 National museums

5.1.1 National Museum of History

Address: 1618 Sofia
16 Vitoshko lale str,
Tel.: (00359)02/9554290
Tel./Fax.: (00359)02/9557602
e-mail: nim1973@abv.bg, nim.pr@abv.bg
URL: www.historymuseum.org
www.seebg.net/NacionalenIstoricheskiMuzei/

Department »History«

Tel.: (00359)02/9557604, -109, -110, -219
e-mail: nimhistory@abv.bg

Open: November–March 09:00–17:30 (The Box Office closes at 16.45)
April–October: 09:30–18:00 (The Box Office closes at 17.30)
Director: Prof. Bozhidar Dimitrov, PhD

The National Museum of History is one of the largest history museums on the Balkans. Its collection contains documents, photos, periodicals, posters, maps, printed matter, related to contemporary Bulgarian history.

5.1.2 National Museum of Military History

Address: 1505 Sofia
92 Cherkovna str.
Tel.: (00359)02/9461805; (00359)02/9461812
(00359)02/9461812-205 – Department »Contemporary History«
Fax: (00359)02/9461806
e-mail: m.museum@bol.bg
URL: www.md.government.bg/nvim/_bg/index.html

Open: exposition: Monday–Sunday 10:00–18:00
administration: Monday–Friday 09:00–17:00
Director: Petko Yotov, PhD

Established in 1916, the Museum has always been in the structure of the Ministry of defense. For its almost centennial presence in cultural life it has collected, preserved and investigated more than 1.000.000 artefacts – witnesses of Bulgarian and European military history. It has a status of a national institution. Collections related to contemporary history: Weapons – the best completed in Bulgaria collection of blank and fire arms and weapons; includes specimens which are at armament in Bulgaria and in some other countries at present day. The museum possesses private collections of Bulgarian political and military leaders after World War II – Stefan Toshev, Vladimir Stoichev, Petar Panchevski, Ivan Mihailov. In the collection is preserved combat equipment of the Bulgarian army since 1878 up to the present. In the collection »Photographs and Albums« the Museum preserves more than 100.000 photos.

5.1.3 National Museum of Bulgarian Education

Address: 5300 Gabrovo
15 Aprilovska str, P.B. 62
Tel.: (00359)066 / 800770
URL: <http://nmo.hit.bg>
e-mail: nmo@abv.bg

Open: Monday–Friday 08:30–16:30
Director: Maya Karagiozova

Its purpose and function is to explore, collect and preserve documents and written records and relevant artifacts as well as to study the progress of Bulgarian education till the present days. It was founded in 1973 and stores documents related to Bulgarian education, textbooks and teaching materials, photos, school uniforms and inventory of students and teachers, school emblems, songs and musical instruments, educational publications and literature. The museum book and exhibit stock amounts to over 60.000 items and its specialized library contains more than 30.000 issues.

5.1.4 National Museum of Transport and Communication

Address: 7000 Ruse
13 Bratia Obretenovi str.
Tel.: (00359)082 / 2220 12, (00359)082 / 2296 53

Director: Tanichka Georgieva

The museum was founded on June 26, 1996 to commemorate 100 years railway transport in Bulgaria. It is situated in the building of the first railway station in Bulgaria – Ruse East, declared as a historical monument. In the three sections of the museum – railway transport, river shipping and communications (post, telegraph, phone, radio, and television) are shown items on the development of transport and communications in Bulgaria.

5.1.5 National Museum of Literature

Address: 1000 Sofia
138 G. S. Rakovski str.
Tel.: (00359)02/987 34 14, (00359)02/980 71 96
Fax: (00359)02/987 34 14

Director: Rумыana Pashaliiska

The museum collects and exhibits personal belongings, documentation, manuscripts and archive materials of Bulgarian writers, including those of the socialist period. There are separate museum exhibitions and collections presenting writers as Vladimir Bashev, Dimitar Dimov, etc.

5.1.6 House of Humour and Satire

Address: 5300 Gabrovo
68, Bryanska str., P.Box 104.
Tel.: (00359)066/80 72 28; (00359)066/80 72 29
Director: (00359)066/80 93 00
Fax: 00359)066/80 69 89
e-mail: humorhouse@mail.bg
humorhouse@globcom.net
URL: www.humorhouse.bg

Open: Monday–Sunday 09:00–18:00 (from April 1–October 31)
Monday–Saturday 09:00–18:00 (November 1–March 31)
Director: Tatyana Tsankova

Being opened on April 1st, 1972, the House of Humor and Satire (HHS) is a proud successor of the local folklore humor and the merry carnival traditions of the town of Gabrovo – the Bulgarian humor capital. Today it is an international cultural centre that successfully combines features of a museum and those of a busy art gallery. The House is a place that serves not only to perpetuate the celebrated Gabrovo anecdotes, but it is also a meeting ground of examples of contemporary humorous and satirical art from all over the world. The audio-and-video collection of the HHS Studio houses interviews and artistic portraits of outstanding persons. In the course of already 35 years the House of Humor and Satire has succeeded in building up a sizable art collection (37.500 art works by 9.049 artists from 173 countries).

5.1.7 National Polytechnical Museum

Address: 1303 Sofia
66 Opalchenska str.
Tel.: (00359)02/931 80 18, (00359)02/32 40 62,
Fax: (00359)02/931 40 36,
e-mail: polytechnic@abv.bg
URL: www.polytechnic.hit.bg

Open: Monday–Friday 09:00–17:00
Director: Aleksandar Valchev

The National Polytechnical Museum preserves over 22.000 objects of geodesy, cartography, mining, weights and measures, domestic equipment, computing machinery, photo and video equipment, radio and TV instruments in different collections. The scientific archive preserves more than 2.000 files. The National Polytechnical Museum disposes of video-, film- and audioarchive, technical and historical reference catalogue, personal archives, specialised library with 12.000 books and periodicals and a collection of works of art with technical subject-matter and museum of textile industry.

5.1.8 National Ethnographic Museum – Bulgarian Academy of Sciences

Address: 1000 Sofia
6A Moskovska
Tel.: (00359)02/987 41 91
(00359)02/988 42 09 (Director)
Fax: (00359)02/980 11 62
e-mail: ethno@ibn.bg
URL: <http://hs41.iccs.bas.bg/etb/et1.htm>

Director: Senior Research Fellow DSc. Rachko Popov

The National Ethnographic Institute and Museum is a specific institution within the structure of Bulgarian Academy of Sciences since it combines the development of ethnology with the preservation of material objects of Bulgarian past. Among the exponents are objects of ethnological value, related to the specific place of Bulgarian traditional and contemporary culture in Slavonic and Balkan perspective; certain aspects of ethnic development and ethnic relations between Bulgarians – Orthodox and Muslims, living in the Bulgarian state, as well as the relations between the different ethnic groups in Bulgaria.

The museum collection today holds more than 50.000 items, which are samples of the Bulgarian traditional folk arts and crafts collected from all territories historically inhabited by Bulgarians over the period mid-17th to mid-20th centuries.

The scientific archive preserves over 3.000 files (500.000 typewritten pages, 100.000 negatives and 5200 old photos and portraits. The specialised library has more than 25.000 units. some of which are unique in Bulgaria.

5.1.9 Museum of the Ministry of Interior

Address: 1000 Sofia
30 Lavele str.
Tel.: (00359)02/982 33 38; (00359)02/982 33 41
(00359)02/982 33 39 (Director)

Open: Monday–Friday 09:00–12:30 and 13:30–17:30
Director: Dimitar Pavlov

The Museum of the Ministry of Interior holds 175.450 objects. The museum disposes of collections of weapons, police uniforms, decorations and medals, art works, photoarchive and library. The museum staff renders assistance of scientific and expositional character and works out historical references, concerning the history of the Ministry of the Interior.

5.2 Regional museums

5.2.1 Regional Museum – Burgas

Address: 8000 Burgas
69 Slavianska str.
Tel.: (00359)056/82 03 44, (00359)056/84 25 82
Tel./Fax: (00359)056/84 25 88
e-mail: main@burgasmuseums.bg

Historical Exposition

Address 8000 Burgas,
Lermontov St. 31
Tel.: (00359)056/84 18 15
e-mail: history@burgasmuseums.bg
URL: www.burgasmuseums.bg

Open: Monday–Friday 10:00–19:00 (1 June – 15 Sept.)
10:00–12:30 and 13:00–17:30 (1 Oct. – 1 June)
Saturday 10:00–13:00 and 14:00–18:00
Director: Tsonya Drazheva

The Burgas Regional museum is the oldest one in the Burgas Region established in 1912 and the largest one in South-Eastern Bulgaria. The museum disposes of rich funds of objects, historical and fiction archives. These items reveal the economic and social development of the Burgas region after 1878 till the end of the 20th century (including the period of socialism).

5.2.2 Regional Historical Museum – Kardzhali

Address: 6600 Kardzhali
4 Republicanska str., P.O. box 41
Tel: (00359)061 / 62 101, Fax: (00359)061 / 62 102
e-mail: hmuzkj@infoTel.bg; menager@kardjali-museum.org
URL: www.kardjali-museum.org

Open: Monday–Friday 09:00–17:00
Director: Pavel Petkov

The Regional museum was founded in 1963 and has a department of »Modern and Contemporary Bulgarian History«. The exposition does not include the period of socialism, but its funds preserve documents and objects of those years.

5.2.3. Regional Historical Museum »Academician Yordan Ivanov« – Kyustendil

Address: 2500 Kyustendil
55 »Balgariya« str.
Tel.: (00359)078 / 55 00 95, (00359)078 / 55 00 98
Fax: (00359)078 / 55 00 95
e-mail: rmuseum.kn@mail.bg; rmuseum.kn@abv.bg
URL: www.kyustendilmuseum.primasoft.bg

Open: Monday–Friday 09:00–17:00
Director: Valentin Debochichki

The Regional Historical Museum has a »Contemporary History« department, created in 1968. In 1990 it was transformed into the »Modern and Contemporary History« department and it preserves documents and museum exhibits for the period after 1878 till present days. The museum funds keep the Nepal collection of the alpinist Lyudmil Yankov; the Polar collection of Vasil Zahariev and others. The department fund consists of 22.601 items.

5.2.4 Regional Historical Museum – Pleven

Address: 5800 Pleven
3 Stoyan Zaimov str.
Tel./ Fax: (00359)064 / 82 26 91 – Secretary
(00359)064 / 82 35 02 – Public relations
e-mail: plevenmuseum@dir.bg
URL: http://plevenmuseum.dir.bg

Open: for visiting the museum: 09:00–12:00 and 12:30–17–00
Rest days: Sunday, Monday and Thursday – Free admission
Director: Prof. Michail Grancharov Ph.D. – Tel.: (00359)064/82 2623

The specialized museum library has more than 10.000 volumes of scientific literature and periodicals. The exposition in the »New History« section presents the historical development of Pleven immediately after the liberation of Bulgaria from Ottoman rule until the 1970s (1878–1970). 339 authentic exhibits and 96 photos are displayed on an area of 800 square meters and are arranged in 4 main topics: By the 70-ies of XX c., Pleven gave our country and the world the opera singers Mihail Popov, Hristo Brambarov, Katia Popova, Assen Selimski and Gena Dimitrova. In this section of the exposition visitors can see stage costumes from their most popular parts, posters from performances abroad and photos.

5.2.5 Regional Historical Museum – Stara Zagora

Address: 6000 Stara Zagora
11 Graf Ignatiev str.
Tel.: (00359)042/62 52 96; (00359)042/62 61 88; (00359)042/51 119
Fax : (00359)042/60 02 99
e-mail: rim@stz.orbiTel.bg
URL: www.chambersz.com/museum/Ind.HTM

Open: Monday–Friday 08:00–12:00 and 13:00–17:00
Director: Research Fellow Petar Kalchev – Tel.: (00359)042/60 02 99

The museum has a collection of materials for the contemporary Bulgarian history, but at the moment the museum is being transferred to a new building and the exposition is temporarily unavailable. In principle the »Contemporary History« department disposes of photos, negatives, video recordings, documents, posters, decoration, medals, etc. It possesses collections concerning politics, social and economic life, culture, science, education, etc.

5.2.6 Regional Historical Museum – Shumen

Address: 9700 Shumen
17 Slavyanski blvd.
Tel./Fax: (00359)054/57 410; (00359)054/55 487; (00359)054/57 596
e-mail: museum_shumen@abv.bg
URL: www.museum-shumen.psit35.net

Open: Monday–Friday 09:00–17:00 (1 November–30 April)
 09:00–18:00 (1 May–31 October),
 Saturday 10:00–18:00
 Sunday 09:00–13:00

Director: Dechko Lechev

The beginning of museum activities in the Shumen region dates back to 1857. Its funds store more than 150 000 specimens. The museum has its own publication »Proceedings of the Museum of History, Shumen« – a library with more than 25.000 volumes scientific literature and periodical issues, restoration and preservation studios and a photo-laboratory. It carries out researches on the territory of the Shumen region. Its funds preserve objects of the time of socialism.

5.2.7 Regional Historical Museum – Ruse

Address: 7000 Ruse
 3 Aleksandar Battemberg square, P. O. Box 60
 Tel.: (00359)082 / 82 50 02
 Fax: (00359)082 / 82 50 08
 URL: www.bulgarian-monuments.com/view/Regional_Museum_of_History_Rousse

Open: Monday–Friday 09:00–17:00
 Director: Nikolay Nenov, PhD

The initial opening ceremony of this museum was on January 1st, 1904. In 1952 it was given the status of a regional museum. Its functions covering the regions of Ruse, Razgrad and Silistra. Over 116,000 exhibits are kept in its funds, many of them representing the period of socialism.

5.2.8 Regional Historical Museum – Veliko Tarnovo

Address: 5000 Veliko Tarnovo
 2 Nikola Pikolo str.
 Tel.: (00359)062 / 62 37 72; (00359)062 / 63 69 54
 Fax: (00359)062 / 63 69 54
 URL: www.veliko-tarnovo.net/

Open: Monday–Friday 09:00–17:00
 Director: Ivan Tsurvov

This is the oldest and the richest provincial museum of Bulgaria. It was founded in 1871. There are over 200.000 expositions in its funds from the ancient history till present days. The Department »Modern and Contemporary Bulgarian History« is in a separate building at »Saedinenie« square. The museum preserves rich collections of photos, documents and objects, revealing the leading role of Veliko Tarnovo in Bulgarian state building and development after the liberation 1878 until present days.

5.2.9 Regional Historical Museum – Vratsa

Address: 3000 Vratsa
1 Hristo Botev square
Tel.: (00359)092/62 03 73, (00359)092/62 02 03
Fax: (00359)092/62 03 73

Open: Tuesday–Sunday 09:00–12:00 and 15:00–19:00 (June till October)
09:00–12:00 and 14:00–18:00 (November till May)
Director: Ivan Raykinski

The museum collects and preserves documents and materials on the history of the region. It has a contemporary history department. The exposition does not include objects from the socialist period, but they are preserved in the funds of the museum.

5.2.10 Regional Historical Museum – Pazardzhik

Address: 4400 Pazardzhik
15 Konstantin Velichkov square
Tel.: (00359)034/443 113, (00359)034/44 31 08
Fax: (00359)034/44 31 44
e-mail: museumpz@yahoo.com

Open: Monday–Friday 09:00–12:00 and 13:30–17:00
Director: Dimitar Mitrev

The museum exposition does not display objects and documents concerning the period of socialism in Bulgaria. However, the funds of the »Modern and Contemporary History« Department preserve items of this period.

5.2.11 Regional Historical Museum – Varna

Address: 9000 Varna
41 Maria Luisa blvd.
Tel.: (00359)052/23 70 69
Fax: (00359)052/23 70 56
URL: www.varna-bg.com/museums/newvarnamus/newvarna.htm

Director: Valentin Pletnirov

The period of socialism in Bulgaria is not displayed in the museum exposition, but the museum staff has collected, studied and organised funds and exhibitions from 1940s till present days. The collections are concentrated on political, industrial, cultural and sports life in Varna and the region. The museum possesses the richest collection of ship models that had been built in Varna shipbuilding plant; ship instruments and devices and other see equipment; collection of decorations and medals from recent time; uniforms, photos, documents. There are objects and documents presenting other international cultural festivals, exhibits related to educational activities; collections of children drawings, etc. The museum possesses 17.396 items (more than 30.000 objects, documents and photos).

5.2.12 Regional Historical Museum – Plovdiv

Address: 4000 Plovdiv
1 Saedinenie square
Tel.: (00359)032 / 269955
e-mail: hm_plovdiv@mail.bg
URL: www.plovdiv.bg/hist_M/index_bg.html
<http://historymuseumplovdiv.com>

Director: Research Fellow Stephan Shivachev

There are more than 60.000 objects in the funds of the museum presenting the economic, political, social and cultural development of Plovdiv from the 16th to the 20th centurys. For using materials from its funds one should make an advance order at (00359)032/269955 or (00359)032/629409.

5.2.13 Regional Historical Museum – Sliven

Address: 8800 Sliven
18 Tsar Osvoboditel blvd.
Tel. (00359)044 / 62 2495, (00359)044 / 62 2494, (00359)044 / 62 43 68
e-mail: museum_sl@abv.bg
URL: www.Slmuseum.hit.bg
Open: 08:00–12:00 and 14:00–17:00

Director: Georgi Kyupchukov

The Sliven museum has a »Contemporary Bulgarian History« department that deals with the study and popularisation of the history of the Sliven region after the Second World War. As a result of the collection work there have been filed and preserved in the basic fund of the museum original ma-

terials, photographs and documents in the following collections: the participation of the regiments of Sliven in the final phase of the World War II; youth-brigade movement (1946–1951); samples of the products of the industrial plants and firms; the district of Sliven and its twin towns in Germany, the Ukraine, Poland and Hungary; cultural life in the Sliven district; the activities of the opposition in the region of Sliven (1944–1954). The library holds 11.300 volumes of scientific, periodical and local history literature.

5.2.14 Regional Historical Museum – Haskovo

Address: 6300 Haskovo
19 Svoboda square

Tel.: (00359)038/62 42 37, (00359)038/62 41 28, (00359)038/62 45 01

Fax: (00359)038/62 42 37

Director: Georgi Gramatikov

The museum exposition does not present the period of socialism. However, in the museum funds there are objects and documents, revealing the development of the town and its region after World War II.

5.2.15 Regional Historical Museum – Montana

Address: 3400 Montana
2 Tsar Boris III str.

Tel.: (00359)096/30 72 86

URL: www.bgmontanamuseum.com

Director: Ulyana Darakchiyska

The historical museum in Montana is founded in 1953. Its »Contemporary Bulgarian History« department present the history of the socialist period. It preserves samples and catalogues from the industrial production in the Montana region; photos, displaying the contemporary history of the town and the region; charters, medals and decorations of the time of People’s Republic of Bulgaria (1946–1990).

5.2.16 Regional Historical Museum – Smolyan

Address: 4700 Smolyan
3 Balgariya square
Tel.: (00359)0301 / 27 028
e-mail: museum-sm@mail.bg
URL: museumsm@yahoo.com

Open: Tuesday–Sunday 09:00–12:00 and 13:00–17:00
Director: Tanya Mareva

The Regional Historical Museum of Smolyan is the oldest and the largest one in the Central Rhodopes region. It was founded in 1935 with the purpose to collect, study, preserve and exhibit the unique heritage of the local population of Pomaks and Bulgarians. The permanent exposition named »Cultural and Historical Richness of the Rhodopes from the Antiquity till Present Days« is presented in a very original and attractive way .

5.2.17 Regional Historical Museum – Targovishte

Address: 7700 Targovishte
2 Mitropolit Andrey blvd.
Tel.: (00359)0601 / 64 147; (00359)0601 / 62 131
e-mail: trgmuseum@abv.bg

Open: Tuesday–Friday 08:30–12:00 and 14:00–17:00
Director: Magdalina Zhecheva

The period of socialism is not presented in the exposition, but the museum has collected rich funds with over 30 000 exhibits – material objects and documents, from ancient times till present days.

5.2.18 Regional Historical Museum – Blagoevgrad

Address: 2700 Blagoevgrad
1 Rila str.
Tel.: (00359)073 / 85 370, (00359)073 / 85 365
Fax: (00359)073 / 85 373

Open: Monday–Friday 09:00–12:00 and 13:00–18:00
Director: G. Milenkova

The museum in Blagoevgrad was founded in 1952. It disposes of a modern building with 116 000 exhibits. Its structure includes »Modern and Contemporary History« and »Art Department« presenting contemporary art. There is also a conservation and restoration laboratory, a modern photo laboratory and a library with more than 16.000 volumes.

5.2.19 Regional Historical Museum – Gabrovo

Address: 5300 Gabrovo
10 Nikolaevska str. , P. O. Box 249

Tel.: (00359)066/809767
e-mail: museum_gabrovo@abv.bg

Open: daily 10:00–12:00 and 13:00–19:00 (June – September)
Monday–Friday 09:00–12:00 and 13:00–17:00 (October – May)

Director: Petar Totsev

The museum exposition does not present the period of socialism, but it has a »Modern and Contemporary History« department, preserving objects and materials from the period after World War II.

5.2.20 Regional Historical Museum – Lovech

Address: 5500 Lovech
1 Todor Kirkov square

Tel.: (00359)068/60 13 82, (00359)068/60 13 97, (00359)068/60 14 07
e-mail: imlovech@yahoo.com

Open: 08:00–12:00 and 14:00–18:00 (June – September)
08:00–12:00 and 13:00–17:00 (October – May)

Director: Ivan Lalev

The museum preserves over 60.000 exhibits and part of them are in the »Modern and Contemporary Bulgarian History« department. Its fund conserves objects, photos and documents of political figures of national and regional significance, Bulgarian scientists, born in Lovech. The department possesses rich collections of materials, concerning World War II, youth brigade movement (1946–1948), the forced collectivization of land and the industrial development of the region. Special attention is paid to the first Bulgarian astronaut Georgi Ivanov, who was born in Lovech.

5.2.21 Regional Historical Museum – Vidin

Address: 3700 Vidin
13 Tsar Simeon Veliki str.
Tel.: (00359)094/60 17 10, (00359)094/60 17 07
e-mail: museumvd@mail.bg
URL: <http://museum-vidin.domino.bg/index2.htm>

Director: Fionera Filipova

The exposition of the regional museum does not present the period of socialism, but its funds preserve materials and documents concerning this period.

5.2.22 Regional Historical Museum – Dobrich

Address: 9300 Dobrich
18 Konstantin Stoilov str., P.O. Box 131
Tel./Fax: (00359)058/28 256; (00359)058/22 642
e-mail: pr_museum@dobrich.net
URL: www.museum.dobrich.net

Open: Monday–Friday 09:00–18:00
Director: Diana Borisova

Materials and documents, concerning the period after World War II are exhibited in a special exposition of the Museum, of Modern and Contemporary History at »3 Mart« str.

5.2.23 Regional Historical Museum – Pernik

Address: 2300 Pernik
2 Fiskulturna str.
Tel.: (00359)076/60 31 18, (00359)076/60 37 37
e-mail: muzeum@rotop.com
URL: www.dimont.com/dimont/personal/museum/museum.htm

Open: Monday–Friday 09:00–12:00 and 13:00–17:00
Director: Ognyan Asprov

The museum was founded in 1953 and has a special »Building Socialism« Department, where documents and other materials of the socialist period are preserved.

5.2.24 Regional Historical Museum – Razgrad

Address: 7200 Razgrad
70 Aprilsko Vastanie blvd., P. O. Box 162
Tel.: (00359) 084 / 66 08 51, (00359) 084 / 66 24 60
Fax: (00359) 084 / 66 24 60
e-mail: pegas_rz@abv.bg
URL: <http://museum-razgrad.atspace.com>

Open: Monday–Friday 08:00–12:00 and 13:00–17:00
Director: Ivan Ivanov

The period of socialism is not presented in the exposition of the museum, but there is a »Modern and Contemporary history« department, preserving materials for the socialist years.

5.2.25 Historical Museum »Iskra« – Kazanlak

Address: 6100 Kazanlak
8 Petko R. Slaveykov str.
Tel.: (00359) 0431 / 26 055, (00359) 0431 / 23 747

Open: Monday–Friday 09:00–12:00 and 14:00–17:30
Director: Kotsyo Zarev, PhD

The exposition does not present the period of socialism, nevertheless part of the objects in the funds of the museum are related to the recent past of the town.

5.2.25.1 The Rose Museum – Kazanlak – branch of the Historical Museum – Kazanlak

The museum is situated in the old building of the Institute of the Rose
Tel.: (00359) 0431 / 23 741, (00359) 0431 / 26 055,
(00359) 0431 / 25 171, (00359) 0431 / 25 170

Open: Monday–Friday 09:00–17:00

The museum possesses unique exhibits, related to the traditional production of rose oil since 1660 till present days; photos, documents, concerning the rose oil trade; collections of equipment and instruments for rose oil production.

5.2.26 Historical Museum – Dimitrovgrad

Address: 6400 Dimitrovgrad
7 Sveti Kliment Ohridski str.
Tel.: (00359)0391 / 66 264, (00359)0391 / 66 787
e-mail: museummg@mail.bg
URL: <http://museummg.com>

Open: Monday–Friday 09:00–12:00 and 14:00–17:00
Director: Elena Georgieva

The museum was created immediately after the construction of the town started in the end of 1940s with the idea to create a model of a socialist town. This construction was carried out with the volunteer labor of youth brigades from all over the country starting with huge industrial plants. The total number of the museum exhibits is 49.236 and most of them are in the »Modern and Contemporary History« department. There is a special collection of photos, letters, documents, weapons, medals and decoration, memoirs, etc. presenting the participation of the local population in the war against the Third Reich (1944–1945). A considerable number of documents reveal the very construction of the town. Various collections present the development of industry, agriculture, education, culture, social and political life of Dimitrovgrad. There is an original collection of documents and materials about the active role, played by Dimitrovgrad in the World Federation of the Twin Towns. The richest collection is related to the youth brigade movement in Bulgaria – uniforms, flags, decoration, badges, medals, letters, brigade newspapers and bulletins, instruments, photos, memoirs and other documents. Special interest represents the personal fund of Pencho Kubadinski – member of the BCP leadership, whose activity was closely related to the youth brigade movement and Dimitrovgrad.

5.2.27 Historical Museum – Pravets

Address: 2161 Pravets, District of Sofia
4 Todor Zhivkov square
Tel.: (00359)07133 / 21 54
e-mail: muzeum@abv.bg

Open: Monday–Friday 08:00–12:00 and 13:00–17:00
Director: Tanya Borisova

Pravets is the birthplace of Todor Zhivkov – BCP and state long standing leader, and this is reflected in the characteristics of the museum funds. The total number of exhibits is 5000 and most of them are in the »Modern and Contemporary History« department. In 2002 the exposition received from Boyana State Residence in Sofia a collection of presents given to Zhivkov as head of state. Other interesting exponents came from the National Historical Museum and from the National Fund »1300 Years Bulgaria«.

5.2.28 Naval Museum – Varna

Address: 9000 Varna
2 Primorski blvd.
Tel.: (00359) 052 / 63 20 18
e-mail: mus_maritime@abv.bg

Open: Monday–Friday 10:00–18:00 (June–September)
Monday–Friday 10:00–17:00 (October–May)
Director: Todor Parushev

The museum presents the history of the Bulgarian navy from its creation in 1879 till present days. The funds contain over 100.000 objects, photos and documents, revealing the history not only of the navy, but also the development of trade shipping and shipbuilding, as well as maritime art works. The museum has a rich specialized library.

5.2.29 Historical Museum of Sofia

Address: 1000 Sofia
27 Ekzarh Yossif str.
Tel.: (00359) 02 / 983 37 55, (00359) 02 / 983 15 26
e-mail: p_mitanov@oldsofia.bg, museum@oldsofia.bg, bobichilev@abv.bg
URL: www.oldsofia.bg

Director: Senior Research Fellow Petar Mitinov, PhD

At present the museum does not dispose of its own exposition. Soon it will be settled in the building of the Ancient Bathhouse in the centre of Sofia, which is now in reconstruction and transformation into a museum. The funds of the museum preserve more than 100 000 original exponents. They are related to all spheres of political, economic, cultural life in Sofia, and part of them are in the department of contemporary history – from the 1950s till present days. There are numerous objects belonging to eminent persons who lived in Sofia. The collection »Urban clothes and accessories« represents the fashion in the capital and Sofia style of living from the 19th century till present time. Other exponents related to the period of socialism are included in the departments: Technics at Home; Children Toys; Bulgarian Decoration System.

5.2.30 »Pancho Vladigerov« Museum Complex – Shumen

Address: 9700 Shumen
136 Tsar Osvoboditel str.
Tel.: (00359) 54 / 52 123

Open: Monday–Friday 09:00–17:00
Saturday and Sunday – with prior arrangement only

Pancho Vladigerov is one of the most prominent Bulgarian musicians. The house, where he made his first steps in music, is a museum now. The rich documentary exhibition dedicated to the »patriarch« of the Bulgarian composer school, is combined with the restored interior of the house from the first decades of the 20th century. The study and the first piano of the composer are displayed. The complex includes a separate exhibition – »The Musical Activity in Shumen« and a chamber hall. Concerts are held there and in the yard during the whole year.

Shumen is a host of an international young pianists and violinists competition, named after Pancho Vladigerov.

5.2.31 »Emilijan Stanev« Memorial – Veliko Tarnovo

Address: 5000 Veliko Tarnovo
20 Nikola Zlatarski str.
Tel.: (00359)62 / 62 19 25
e-mail: emstanevmuseum@abv.bg

Open: 09:00–17:00 Tuesday - Saturday
Director: Radka Pencheva

The Memorial is situated in the house, where Emilijan Stanev – one of the most eminent Bulgarian writers from second part of the 20th century was born. Another prominent artist – the film director Valo Radev, created the original art project of the Memorial. The complex consists of two opposite buildings – one is the house of the writer, the other shelters the personal archive fund of E. Stanev. The construction of the museum took six years and its inauguration took place on May 5, 1987 on E. Stanev's 80th birthday. The museum preserves rich collections of documents, papers, photos, providing important information about contemporary Bulgarian literature.

5.2.32 »Petya Dubarova« Memorial – Burgas

Address: 8000 Burgas
68 Gladstone str.
Tel.: (00359)056 / 81 41 10
e-mail: ethno@burgasmuseums.bg

Open:	Monday–Friday	10:00–19:00	(June–September)
		09:00–12:30 and 13:00–17:30	(October–May)
	Saturday	10:00–13:00 and 14:00–18:00	

This is the house of the young and talented poet Petya Dubarova. She died tragically at the end of 1970s. The collection preserves her manuscripts and displays her home and the style of living of Bulgarians in 1970s.

5.3 Sites of memory

5.3.1 Labour Camp »Belene« – the Persin Island

»Labour educational community« was the name used by BCP for detention labour camps, created after Sept. 9, 1944 for political opponents of the new government of the Fatherland Front, as well as for criminals. Well-known as a symbol of the repressive system is »Belene« labour camp on Persin Island in the Danube. It was created in June 1949. After Stalin's death in 1953 a certain liberalization began and the camp was closed. The Hungarian revolution in 1956 frightened the BCP and the camp was reopened and »politically suspicious persons« mainly from Sofia were sent there. In 1959 »Belene« was definitively closed. During the so called »Revival process« (the forced change of the names of Bulgarian Turks) the buildings of the camp were used once again to isolate there those Turks, who opposed the renaming.

During the transition period after 1989 »Belene« camp is perceived as a symbol of the repressions of the communist regime. Every year on Sept. 9 and on other occasions commemoration ceremonies take place in the former camp and there are religious ceremonies in memory of the victims of the communist regime.

5.3.1 Labor Camp – Lovech

The labor camp near Lovech was opened in the autumn of 1959 because according to the Ministry of the Interior it was impossible to free 166 prisoners from the closed »Belene« camp – since they considered being too dangerous for the public order. In fact, the camp of Lovech is a stone quarry, where the camp prisoners had to work until total exhaustion. In the near village of Skravena was established a labor camp for women and they worked in the local agricultural farm. The camp of Lovech had the hardest regime and the number of dead is very high. The total number of those who died in the camps is 126. When the cruelties in Lovech and Skravena became public, the camps were definitively closed on April 5, 1962.

Immediately after November 10, 1989 the press and the politicians were eager to inform people about the repressions and the camps. As a result of these revelations on April 17, 1990 near Lovech a monument for the victims was erected. On its inauguration President Petar Mladenov and Prime Minister Andrey Lukanov from BSP called for national reconciliation. Instead, the monument of the victims near Lovech on the place of the former camp became a symbol of the communist repressions and on historical dates Bulgarian anti-communists gather there to commemorate the victims and to call for punishment of the guilty.

5.3.3 Memorial Wall and Chapel in memory of the victims after 1944 – Sofia

In the centre of Sofia, in the garden in front of the National Palace of Culture (NDK) in 1999 a monument of the victims of communism was erected together with a chapel. The monument represents a black marble wall, on which the names of those who perished after Sept. 9. 1944 are engraved. The inscription on the wall reads: »The suffering of our people is built into this wall! The memorial is erected to the memory of our compatriots, victims of the communist terror: those, deprived of life, those missing, and those sentenced to death by the so called »People’s Court ...« The chapel is dedicated to »all Bulgarian martyrs«.

The Memorial Wall is a traditional place to commemorate the victims of communism. Every year, on Sept. 9 (on this date in 1944 the communists came to power) there is a commemoration meeting at the Wall with a religious ceremony for the dead.

6 INTERNET SITES ON THE COMMUNIST PERIOD IN BULGARIA

6.1 Portal »Bulgarian Communism. Critical readings«

URL: <http://www.red.cas.bg/id-41/about-the-portal.html>

The idea of the portal is to accumulate critical research material; to create and develop a catalogue and information centre of the contemporary critical readings of Bulgarian communism. An portal unites the efforts of university, academic and other scientists, working on the problems of searching materials and analyzing events of the socialist period. It will organize regular interdisciplinary workshops, public presentations and will catalogue existing information and knowledge about the communist period. The information will be in Bulgarian and in English. The institutions that take part in the portal activity are: Centre for Advanced Study – Sofia; Open Society Institute; New Bulgarian University; Centre for Liberal Strategies Sofia; History and Theory of Culture Department at Sofia University; Cultural Studies Department at South-West University – Blagoevgrad; Institute for Critical Social Research; Institute for the research of Communist Crimes; www.spomeniteni.org Project.

6.2 Internet Project for collecting memoirs of the period of socialism »I lived socialism«

URL: www.spomeniteni.org
e-mail: spomeniteni@yahoo.com

The project started as a website on March 26, 2004 and was the first website for personal recollections from the socialist years in Bulgaria. The authors are the writer Georgi Gospodinov, the journalists Diana Ivanova and Kalin Manolov and psychiatrist Rumen Petrov.

The project is based exclusively on the use of the internet as a tool and place for oral history and people were invited to send their own personal recollections. Several hundred accounts appeared in the website and in 2006 Georgi Gospodinov selected and published 171 of them in a volume, entitled »I lived socialism«.

6.3 Internet Portal »Decommunization«

URL: www.geocities.com/decommunization/Communism/Bulgaria

The Internet portal was created in support of the draft resolution of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe on the international condemnation of communism. Another purpose of the site is to display information on the crimes of the communist regime. Board of advisors for Bulgaria: Prof. Plamen Tsvetkov, S. Tsvetkov, Prof. Dimitar Nenov, Prof. Venko Beshkov and others.

7 PERIODICALS

7.1 »Istoricheski Pregled« »Historical Review«

Address: 1113 Sofia
52 Shipchenski prohod blvd., bl. 17
Tel.: (00359)02/979 29 14
e-mail: ipregled@ihist.bas.bg
URL: <http://ipregled.hit.bg>

Editor-in-chief: Corr. Member Prof. Georgi Markov, DSc, Director of the Institute of History at the Bulgarian Academy of sciences.

A scientific and theoretical review, published by the Institute of History at the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences since 1945. There are publications of research papers, informations and abstracts related to contemporary Bulgarian history. Six issues per year.

7.2 »Bulgarian Historical Review« (BHR) »Revue Bulgare d'Histoire«

Address: 1113 Sofia
52 Shipchenski prohod blvd., bl. 17
Tel.: (00359)02/979 29 16
e-mail: bhr@ihist.bas.bg
URL: www.ihist.bas.bg/izdan_sp.htm

Editor-in-chief: Prof. Virginia Paskaleva, Dr. Sc.

Bulgarian historical review in foreign languages, published since 1972 by the Institute of History at the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences. It publishes reviews and articles in English, French, German and Russian, among them materials about the period of socialism. Four issues per year.

7.3 »Etudes Balkaniques«

Address: 1000 Sofia
45 Moskovska str.
Tel./ Fax: (00359)02/980 62 97
e-mail: balkani@cl.bas
URL: www.cl.bas.bg/spisaniya-publikovani-v-nashiya-sait/etudes-balkanique

Editor-in-chief: Senior Research Fellow Agop Garabedian, PhD,
Director of the Institute of Balkan Studies.

A scientific review of the Institute of Balkan Studies at the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences, published since 1964. Publications in English, French, German Italian and Russian, among them materials about the period of socialism. Four volumes per year.

7.4 **»Minalo«** **»The Past«**

Address: 1000 Sofia
4 Georgi Benkovski str.
Tel.: (00359)02/988 29 49
e-mail: minalo@techno-link.com

Editor-in-chief: Lyubomir Yurukov

A private illustrated review of history, published since 1994. Four volumes per year. A special rubric for contemporary history.

7.5 **»Istoria«** **»History«**

Address: 1113 Sofia
125 Tsarigradsko shosee blvd, bl. 5
Tel.: (00359)02/870 51 19
e-mail: grpi@dir.bg

Redactor-in-chief: Prof. Georgi Bakalov, DrSc

The review publishes research papers in history and articles on the problems of teaching history, as it is published by the Pedagogical Department of the Ministry of Education and Science. The review is published since 1992 in 6 issues per year. In it one can find consultations to help teachers in history as well as reviews and studies on problems concerning contemporary Bulgarian history.

7.6 **»Archiven pregled«** **»Archival Review«**

Address: 1000 Sofia
5 Moskovska str.
Tel.: (00359)02/940 01 74
e-mail: ua@archives.government.bg
URL: www.archives.government.bg

Editor in charge: Lidya Bukareva

The review is published by the Central Department of Archives at the Council of Ministers of Republic of Bulgaria. It contains research papers, articles of methodical value and archival information. There are materials concerning the archives from the socialist period. Four volumes per year.

7.7 **»Izvestia na Darzhavnite Arhivi«** **»Proceedings of State Archives«**

Address: 1000 Sofia
5 Moskovska str.
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Review, published by the International University Seminar for Balkanistic Studies at South-West University »Neofit Rilski« in Blagoevgrad. Three issues per year.

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7.31 Vasil Stanilov Literature Workshop

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The Vasil Stanilov Literature Workshop is also publishing the weekly Pro & Anti focussing most of all on the memories of the communist epoch, texts on the communist repressions and documentary publications. The weekly is a tribune for an intransigent to the communist past public debate.

8 FOREIGN INSTITUTIONS

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The German »Konrad Adenauer« Foundation aims at helping the process of political, economic and social reforms in Bulgaria during the transition to democracy, social market economy and civil society and the integration of the country to NATO and EU.

Traditionally, the foundation deals with analysis of the communist past through seminars, conferences and publications.

The foundation board cooperates with Bulgarian foundations as »Democratic Alternative« and »Democracy«, sharing the values and the aims of »Konrad Adenauer« Foundation. It works together with other NGO as well as with Sofia University »St. Kliment Ohridski«.

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The German foundation started its activity in Bulgaria even before the changes in 1989 by giving grants for study in the Germany. Since 1989 it supports the reforms in Bulgaria helping different activities in the spheres of political education and exchange between different reform programs in Eastern Europe. Its office in Sofia was opened in 1994. Today it assures support for different spheres of the reforms going on in Bulgarian state and society: democracy and institution building; decentralization and local self-government; labor and social security; youth programs; European integration. It works in cooperation with the Institute for Political and Legal Studies (Georgi Karasimeonov – www.ipls.dir.bg); the Institute for Social Democracy, government and non-government organizations; scientific institutions.

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The German foundation is active in Bulgaria since 1990. Since 2007 the regional office for Central, East and Southeast Europe, South Caucasus, Russia and Central Asia is situated in Sofia. The activities of the foundation in 27 post-communist countries are managed from Sofia. In this structure the Project Bulgaria belongs to the Sub-region »Southeast Balkan« together with Romania, Macedonia and Moldova.

As a liberal political foundation FNF is working together with the liberal political parties in Bulgaria and with liberal think-thanks. In 2006 it started a common project for overcoming the communist heritage in cooperation with the Pro & Anti weekly newspaper leading politicians and intellectuals, representatives of liberal youth organizations. Project-coordinator for Bulgaria is Asparuch Panov, e-mail: asparuch.panov@fnst.org

8.4 Austrian Institute for Studies in South-East Europe – Sofia Office Das Österreichische Verbindungsbüro für Wissenschaft und Forschung in Bulgarien (ASO Sofia)

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Founded in 1994 with the purpose to encourage the bilateral cultural and scientific relations between Bulgaria and Austria through grants, exchange, conferences and education. Supports the policy of the Austrian federal Ministry of education, science and culture in South-East Europe. Its Bulgarian partner is the Central Department of Archives at the Council of Ministers of Republic of Bulgaria and the office of the institute is located in its building.

9 EPILOGUE

Under communism, Bulgarian historians dealing with the post-1944 history of their country were, at the same time, privileged and marginalized. They had the privilege of being the ideological gate-keepers of an explicitly Marxist-Leninist, Soviet-type of historiography, a function which marginalized them in an academic environment dominated completely by a heroic master narrative not of the Bulgarian working masses but of the Bulgarian nation. Thus, their »internationalism« isolated them from the »national« mainstream.

This specific situation turned out to be an opportunity in the wake of 1989. While »general« historians in Bulgaria simply continued what they had done before, i. e., sticking to the narrow national paradigm, »contemporary« historians were forced to completely re-orient themselves. De-ideologisation and professionalisation went parallel with an immense increase of newly available archival material as well as a new plurality of theoretical and methodological approaches including comparisons with neighbouring societies and international cooperation. Thus, new perspectives were applied to the communist era – but also to the immediate pre-communist and post-communist periods. Factors of continuation transcending the turning points of 1944 and 1989 were identified and a number of allegedly »communist« features were recognized as »national«. Evgenia Kalinova's and Iskra Baeva's monograph »Balgarskite prehodi 1939–2005« (»Bulgarian Transitions 1939–2005«) is probably the most prominent example.

The Vademecum Contemporary History Bulgaria is a proof of all this: it shows the wealth of archival holdings on the communist period in Bulgaria, it demonstrates the plurality of scholarly approaches to a particularly difficult past, and it is the result of an intense and promising international cooperation.

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10 ABBREVIATIONS

AMI	Archive of the Ministry of the Interior
Assoc. Prof.	Associate Professor
BAS	Bulgarian Academy of Sciences
BCP	Bulgarian Communist Party
BHR	»Bulgarian Historical Review«
BNF	Bulgarian National Film Store
BNR	Bulgarian National Radio
BNT	Bulgarian National TV
BSP	Bulgarian Socialist Party
CAS	Centre for Advanced Study
CHPR	Centre for Historical and Political Research
CMA	Central Military Archive
Corr. Member	Corresponding Member of the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences
CSA	Central State Archives
CSHA	Central State Historical Archives
Dr.	Doctor
DSB	Democrats for a Strong Bulgaria
DSc.	Doctor of science
EU	European Union
GDA	General Department of Archives
HHS	House of Humor and Satire – Gabrovo
NATO	North Atlantic Treaty Organization
NBU	New Bulgarian University
NEM	National Ethnographic Museum
PES	Party of European Socialists
PhD	Doctor in history
St.	Saint
UDF	Union of Democratic Forces
Vol.	volume

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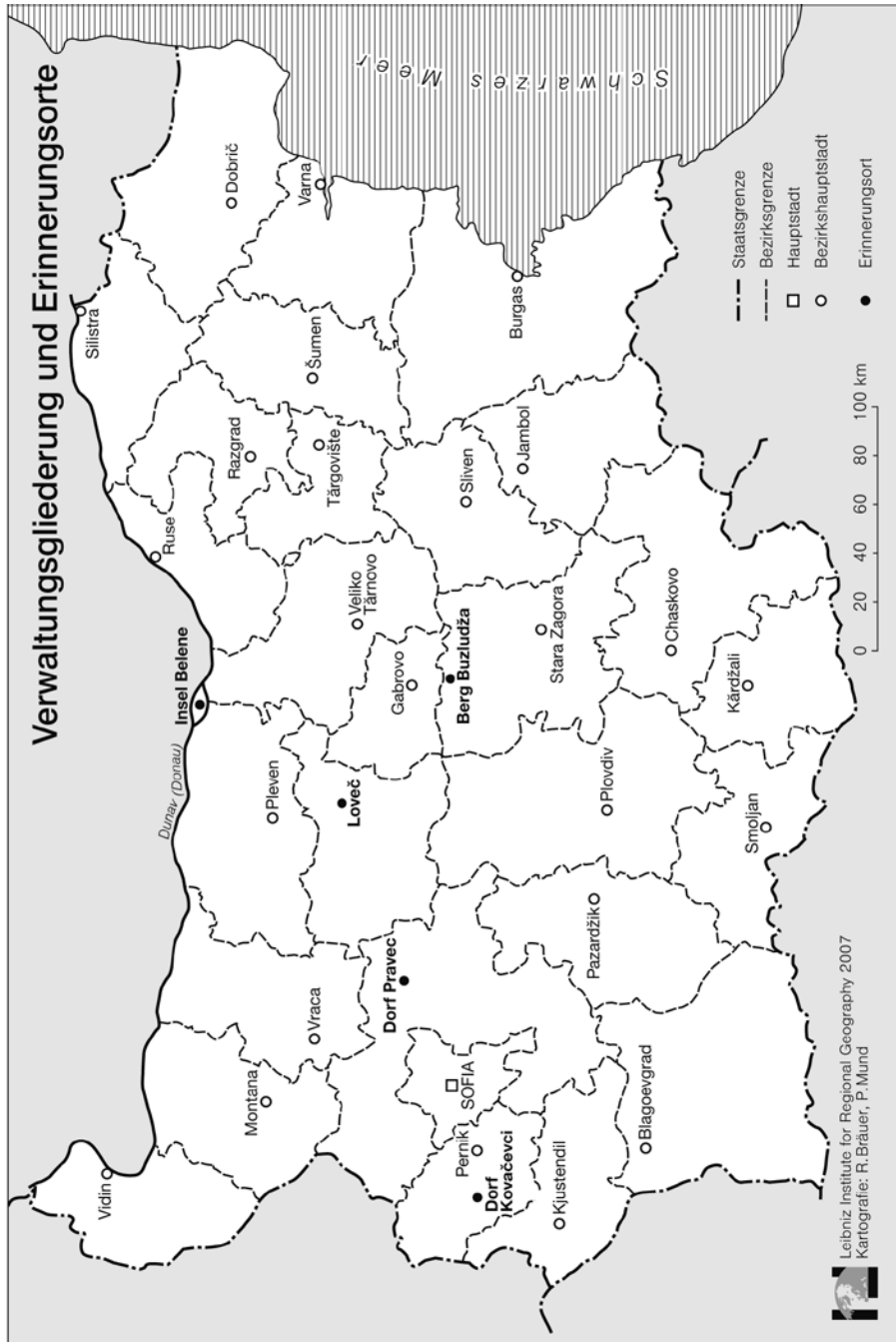
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