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100th Anniversary of the birth of prof. Yordan Zaimov, Dr. Sc. – a Bulgarian Patriot Dedicated to Knowledge

Summary: Prof. Yordan Zaimov, Dr. Sc. is born on 23rd of April 1921 in Sofia. He graduated Slavic Philology at Sofia University “St. Kliment Ohridski” in 1944. He has the opportunity to be taught by some of the most prominent scholars. His brilliant linguistic knowledge (he spoke eight languages) will be the basis for his future notable success in some of the most difficult scientific fields such as etymology, onomastics, and diachronic linguistics. All his activities are connected completely with the Institute for Bulgarian Language at the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences. Significant moments from his life, dedicated to knowledge, are going to be presented as well as from his multidisciplinary work.

Prof. Urszula Bijak, Dr. Sc. – Institute of Polish Language, Polish Academy of Sciences, Poland, Vice-President of ICOS

Polish anthroponym-derived geographical names (in the Slavic background)

Summary: The aim of this paper is to present the specificity of Polish toponyms motivated by personal names and the current and future directions of research in this group of names. Typology of Polish deanthroponymic toponyms (oikonoms, hydronyms, field names) will be introduced, taking the chronology and geography into account. The most common, characteristic deanthroponymic naming models in particular categories of toponyms will be shown and highlighted. The main goal is to present frequently used anthroponymic basis in Polish settlement names, and the relationship between the frequency of occurrence of a given anthroponym and the structure of derived place names. Selected types of Polish deanthroponymic toponyms will be compared with stock of geographical names from other Slavic languages. In the description of the relation between anthroponym and toponym, the instruments of cultural onomastics will be applied as the most suitable theoretical framework for these types of toponyms.

Prof. Oliviú Felecan, PhD – Technical University of Cluj-Napoca, North University Centre of Baia Mare, Romania, Editor-in-Chief of *Onoma* (Journal of the International Council of Onomastic Sciences)

Onomastic considerations on certain news items in the recent mass media

Summary: The flow of information in the mass media is overwhelming nowadays, and we must do our best to avoid being subjugated by negative news. Regardless of the senders' intention, we decode messages through our own filter and through the lens of onomastics, as names are ubiquitous in various shapes: not only in news titles, but also in the texts themselves.

This presentation deals with several events that have been more or less the focus of attention in the media. They are related to the science of names, from official toponymy (the rebaptism of certain European states) to unofficial toponymy (nicknames of significant buildings), anthroponymy (the burden of bearing a famous name), medical onomastics, names in sports etc. The influence of political correctness is increasingly salient in onomastics as well, whether for solid grounds or as a present-day trend.