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BULGARIA

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Activities

August 2013 – August 2014

- Updating of coordinates and descriptions of existing place names.
- Approval of new names.
- Popularization of Antarctic place names.



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Place-naming Guidelines

1995 Toponymic Guidelines for Antarctica
<http://apcbg.org/Toponymic-Guidelines.htm>

- Names of living persons not regarded as a principal source of place names.
- Stipulate that the principal purpose of a name is to supply effective and appropriate means of identifying the feature beyond doubt; commemoration of persons, institutions or events is a secondary consideration.
- The Guidelines introduced the modern Bulgarian system for the Romanization of Cyrillic alphabet.



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Priority geographic areas

- Areas where the new names would be possibly helpful to potential users: scientists (planning and carrying out field work, publications etc.), cartographers, logisticians, navigators, tourists, mountaineers etc.
- Areas with a concentration of notable nameless features.



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Priority features

- Of large dimension or otherwise significant geographically;
- Actually or potentially important in the course of field work (Bulgarian or by other nations) or other uses (transportation, tourism, search and rescue etc.);
- Newly emerged as a result of glacier retreat or disintegration (islands, passages, peninsulas, capes, points, bays, coves).
- All the features considered must be nameless, well identified and provided with detailed standardized descriptions.



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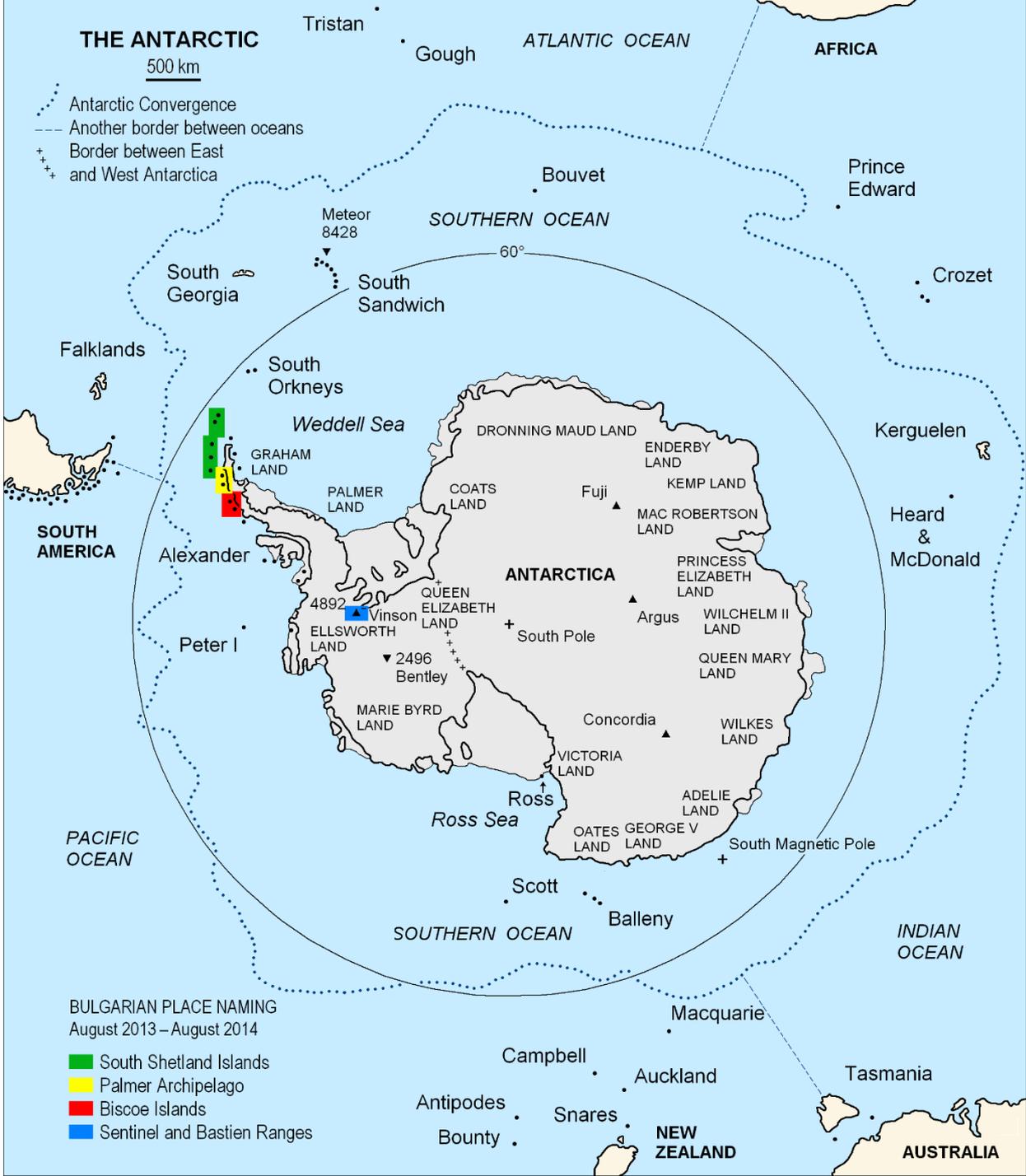
Bulgarian place names

- There is a total of 1159 Antarctic place names given by Bulgaria since 1989.
- In terms of the number of place names given in Antarctica Bulgaria ranks behind the United States, the United Kingdom, Russia, New Zealand, Argentina, Australia, Chile and Norway.
- A total of 142 new Bulgarian names have been given since August 2013.

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500 km

- Antarctic Convergence
- Another border between oceans
- Border between East and West Antarctica



BULGARIAN PLACE NAMING
August 2013 – August 2014

- South Shetland Islands
- Palmer Archipelago
- Biscoe Islands
- Sentinel and Bastien Ranges



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Geographic distribution

South Shetland Islands	15	11%
Palmer Archipelago	46	32%
Biscoe Islands	17	12%
Sentinel and Bastien Ranges	64	45%



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Origins of names

Bulgarian settlements	46	32%
Bulgarian geography (other)	23	16%
Antiquity	23	16%
Bulgarian history, culture & science	26	18%
Antarctic history	12	9%
Living persons (Bulgarian)	8	6%
Living persons (non-Bulgarian)	4	3%



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Publication

- The new place names were included in the Bulgarian Antarctic Gazetteer
<http://www.apcbg.org/gazet.htm>
<http://www.apcbg.org/gazet-bg.doc>
and the SCAR Composite Gazetteer of Antarctica
<https://data.aad.gov.au/aadc/gaz/scar/>
- A hard copy of the Bulgarian Antarctic Gazetteer was published as an appendix to the monograph
L. Ivanov and N. Ivanova. *Antarctic: Nature, History, Utilization, Geographic Names and Bulgarian Participation*. Sofia: Manfred Wörner Foundation, 2014. pp. 242–367. 368 pp. (in Bulgarian)
ISBN 978-619-90008-1-6
a PDF version of which was made available to the SCAGI members.



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Popularization

- The Antarctic Place-names Commission provided some relevant information and comments used in two editorials on Antarctic toponymy:

P. Rejcek. A new standard: U.S. 'raises the bar' on using personal names for geographic features in Antarctica. *The Antarctic Sun*, 18 July 2014.

<http://antarcticsun.usap.gov/features/contenthandler.cfm?id=4046>

P. Rejcek. What's in a name? No international guidelines exist for national committees on geographic features. *The Antarctic Sun*, 18 July 2014.

<http://antarcticsun.usap.gov/features/contentHandler.cfm?id=4049>

- Comprehensive encyclopedic articles:

Bulgarian toponyms in Antarctica

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bulgarian_toponyms_in_Antarctica

ОСТРОВ ЛИВИНГСТЪН

5 км

WGS84 • UTM

-  Сечение на хоризонталите 150 м
-  Свободен от лед участък
-  Езеро

Съкращения
вр. (връх), зал. (залив), лед. (ледник),
н. (нос), о. (остров), о-ви (острови),
п-в (полуостров), ск. (скала/и), х. (хълм)

Означени острови
А Астър, В Аспис, С Зверино,
D Кейв, E Експрес, F Сесилия,
G Барientos, H Сиера, I Пасарел,
J Емелин, K Биляна, L Хорхе,
M о-ви Рикса, N Килифарев



- Бази
- 1 Св. Климент Охридски (бъл.)
 - 2 Хуан Карлос Примеро (исп.)
 - 3 Ширеф (амер.-чил.)
 - 4 Камара (арж.)
 - 5 Висенте (екв.)
- Лагери
- 6 Академия (бъл.)
 - 7 Байерс (исп.)
 - 8 Ливингстон (арж.)
 - 9 Станция Пи (брит.)

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Place names on a Bulgarian overview map of Livingston Island published in 2014.



Antarctic place names in popular culture

Aleko Point, Livingston Island:
A local inhabitant welcomes the
honoree Aleko Konstantinov
(1863–97), a fine Bulgarian writer
and proponent of wilderness
exploration. Cartoon by Tenyu
Pindarev.



Livingston Island map in the Antarctica Hall of the National Museum of History in Sofia.

Thank you!

