National Report 2014

BULGARIA

Lyubomir Ivanov
Activities

August 2013 – August 2014

• Updating of coordinates and descriptions of existing place names.
• Approval of new names.
• Popularization of Antarctic place names.
Place-naming Guidelines

1995 Toponymic Guidelines for Antarctica
http://apc-bg.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.
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.
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.
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.
## Geographic distribution

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Location</th>
<th>Count</th>
<th>Percentage</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>South Shetland Islands</td>
<td>15</td>
<td>11%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Palmer Archipelago</td>
<td>46</td>
<td>32%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Biscoe Islands</td>
<td>17</td>
<td>12%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Sentinel and Bastien Ranges</td>
<td>64</td>
<td>45%</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
## Origins of names

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Category</th>
<th>Count</th>
<th>Percentage</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Bulgarian settlements</td>
<td>46</td>
<td>32%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Bulgarian geography (other)</td>
<td>23</td>
<td>16%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Antiquity</td>
<td>23</td>
<td>16%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Bulgarian history, culture &amp; science</td>
<td>26</td>
<td>18%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Antarctic history</td>
<td>12</td>
<td>9%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Living persons (Bulgarian)</td>
<td>8</td>
<td>6%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Living persons (non-Bulgarian)</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>3%</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
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

- A hard copy of the Bulgarian Antarctic Gazetteer was published as an appendix to the monograph
  ISBN 978-619-90008-1-6

  a PDF version of which was made available to the SCAGI members.
Popularization

- The Antarctic Place-names Commission provided some relevant information and comments used in two editorials on Antarctic toponymy:
  
  http://antarcticsun.usap.gov/features/contenthandler.cfm?id=4046  
  
  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
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!