National Report 2020
BULGARIA

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Activities

- Place naming
- Infrastructure development
- Promoting Antarctica
Place naming

June 2019 – July 2020

A total of ninety-one new names
Regional distribution

- South Shetland Islands: 32
- Palmer Archipelago: 1
- Nordenskjöld Coast: 4
- Oscar II Coast: 3
- Wilhelm Archipelago: 42
- Biscoe Islands: 9
## Feature type statistics

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Usage of Bulgarian names

Full description in:

- Composite Gazetteer of Antarctica. Scientific Committee on Antarctic Research (SCAR)
- Bulgarian Antarctic Gazetteer. Antarctic Place-names Commission of Bulgaria

Used in scientific research, maps, encyclopedic dictionaries, travel histories, tourist guides, documentaries, etc.
Infrastructure development
New laboratory

2019 Tender for the architectural design of a new laboratory building at the Bulgarian base St. Kliment Ohridski on Livingston Island, South Shetland Islands
Held by the Bulgarian Antarctic Institute
Won by PS Architects Studio
Ohridski Base buildings, the new laboratory visualized on the right

Image: PS Architects
Images: PS Architects
Promoting Antarctica

APECS Bulgaria activities

- Antarctic day at the lecture series for school teachers organized by the Union of Physicists in Bulgaria, July 2020
- Geological and biological history of the White Continent. Exhibition at the National Centre for Polar Research, June 2020
- Polar Week at the National Museum of Natural History, December 2019
- Second APECS Balkan Conference: The contribution of polar explorers from Southeast Europe to Antarctic science. Sofia, November 2019
- European Researchers’ Night: APECS events in Sofia and Blagoevgrad, September 2019
APECS Balkan Conference 2019
Photo: APECS
Children’s Art Exhibition 2020
Photo: APECS
Promoting Antarctica

Popular publications


Feature film

• Stanislav Donchev. *Letters from Antarctica*. October 2019 (partly shot at the Bulgarian Antarctic base)
Promoting Antarctica

Music

- On an invitation by the Bulgarian Antarctic Institute, kaval player Teodosiy Spasov and guitarist Hristiyan Tsvyatkov performed several concerts, and composed and recorded ten music pieces in Antarctica, February 2020

Documentary

- Ema Konstantinova. The dance of the penguins. October 2020 (on the Antarctic music tour of Spasov and Tsvyatkov)
Thank you!