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1. The Director of the Institute for Bulgarian Literature in the Bulgarian Academy of Science is Lyudmil Stoyanov. He is an academician. The Deputy Director and the corresponding member of the Academy is Panteley Zarev; Nikolay Liliev is a corresponding member of the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences. Panteley Zarev, Petur Dinekov, and Georgi Tsarev work at the Institute. The Institute has few librarians with higher education.

2. The work of the Institute has two purposes -

   a) research work for the purpose of evaluating the literary development of Bulgarian writers, to condense common facts

   b) correcting and publishing of material on the life and activity of individual Bulgarian writers.

   The main purpose of the Institute is to prepare and publish a Marxist-Leninist History of the Bulgarian literature and to study the connection between this literature and the Soviet literature.

3. The Institute consists of the following research sections:

   a) Section for old Bulgarian literature

   b) Section for new Bulgarian literature

   c) Section for studying Soviet-Bulgarian literary ties

   d) Section for studying the ties between Bulgarian literature and Slavic and other literature

   e) Section for literary theory and criticism

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The sections are directed by department heads at universities with the proper specialties. The Institute has a bibliographic section for documentation and scientific library work, for gathering handwritten material, collections, documents, literary material and publications necessary for scientific research work.

4. The Institute has archives with a collection of handwritten material by Elin Pelin, Nikola Vaptsarov, Konstantin Vlichkov, G B Stamatov, and Dincho Debelyanov. The Institute published many works such as those of Ivan Vazov, Dimitur Blagoev, Rakovski, Nikola Vaptsarov, and others. Work is being done on publishing the poetry of P R Slaveykov. In the Khristo Smirnenski Institute and in the Ivan Vazov Institute Museum there is a full bibliography of the works of the two poets. There are bibliographies of these two poets and writings of these two poets. Thus far the Institute has organized several sessions dealing with Bulgarian foreign writers such as Kristo Botev, Ivan Vazov, Pushkin, Borgo, Ugo, Vaptsarov, Smirnenski. There was a session on the "Word About Igoroev's Regiment", an old Russian poem translated by academician Lyudmil Stoyanov. The Institute participated at sessions organized by the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences, dealing with Dimitur Blagoev, Georgi Dimitrov, and Karl Marx.

5. The Institute was created during 1948 at the time that the law on the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences became effective.

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