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IN ADDITION TO THE UNWRITTEN HISTORY

OF THE INTERNATIONAL SOCIOLINGUISTIC SOCIETY – SOFIA

*The International Sociolinguistic Society (INSOLISO) was founded on September 30<sup>th</sup>, 1991. In 1992 it was registered in Sofia law court. Sociolinguistics in Bulgaria had already had its own history and achievements at the time of establishing the new society. During the 1980s the idea of language heterogeneity in cities caused by social differences developed and formed as Bulgarian urban sociolinguistics. There were organized summer schools of great significance in pre-history of the International Sociolinguistic Society. The organization and holding of regular sociolinguistic conferences and the publication of reports in series “Sociolinguistic problems” is an important part of the activities of the International Sociolinguistic Society. Eleven conferences have taken place up to now. The forums dedicated to anniversaries of distinguished linguists, such as Stoiko Stoikov, Miroslav Yanakiev, Mihail Videnov, are notable for solemnity. Also, the reviews of recently published books written by Society members and adherents contributed to the development of sociolinguistics. For 20 years Academician Mihail Videnov was the President of the International Sociolinguistic Society re-elected every two years by the general assembly of the members of the Society. In 1998 issue 135 of “International Journal of the Sociology of Language”, Berlin–New York, was published with Bulgarian materials in English written by members and adherents of the International Sociolinguistic Society. The publication of this issue is considered to be high assessment and international recognition for Bulgarian sociolinguists’ work. The preparation of the next Twelfth Scientific Conference in Sociolinguistics is under way. International Sociolinguistic Society enters its third decade.*

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