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## Stanev, S. 2008. Founders of Bulgarian Botany.

Univ. Press Paisiy Hilendarski, Plovdiv. 277 pp. Paperback. ISBN 978-954-423-435-5 (in Bulgarian).

[Станев, С. 2008. Първостроители на българската ботаника.

Университетско издателство "Паисий Хилендарски", Пловдив].

The book presents the life history of 11 of the most eminent Bulgarian botanists, founders of this scientific branch in the country: Stefan Georgiev, Stefan Petkov, Ivan Urumov, Bozhimir Davidov, Nikola Arnaudov, Nikolay Stojanov, Boris Stefanov, Boris Ahtarov, Daki Jordanov, Mihail Hristov, and Boris Kitanov. Special attention is paid to their scientific contributions and achievements, teaching experience and efforts to lay the foundations of various botanical research fields in Bulgaria. A bibliographic list is provided for each botanist. The book is intended for researchers, students and anybody interested in the history of botany in Bulgaria.

## Dimitrova, D., Tsoneva, S. & Ignatov, A. 2007. *Nature Lovers Guide*.

Geosoft EOOD, Sofia. 224 pp. Hardback. ISBN 978-954-91790-3-3 (in Bulgarian).

[Димитрова, Д., Цонева, С., Игнатов, А. 2007. *Пътеводител на природолюбителя*. Геософт ЕООД, София].

*Content:* Introduction, Photoguide to the Species, Index of the Bulgarian Names, Index of the Latin Names, Floristic Division of Bulgaria.

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[Ангелова, К., Методиев, К., Попгеоргиев, Г. 2008. *Природното богатство на Бесапарските ридове*. Българска фондация "Биоразнообразие", София].

Bulgaria near the town of Pazardzhik. The booklet contains general information about the hills, their biological diversity, Bulgarian endemics, protected species, worldwide endangered species, species from the Bulgarian Red Data Book and the Red Lists, species under the Bern Convention and Habitats Directive, medicinal plants, Balkan endemic plants, relict plants, threats to biological diversity, conservation status of the Besaparski Hills, Bird Important Area Besaparski Hills, Important Plant Area Besaparski Hills, NATURA 2000 sites, cultural history and potential for development of sustainable tourism. It aims to promote the beauty, species richness and conservation status of the species and habitats of the Besaparski Hills. Amply illustrated with many excellent photographs, the booklet will be useful to students and nature lovers interested in this part of Bulgaria.

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