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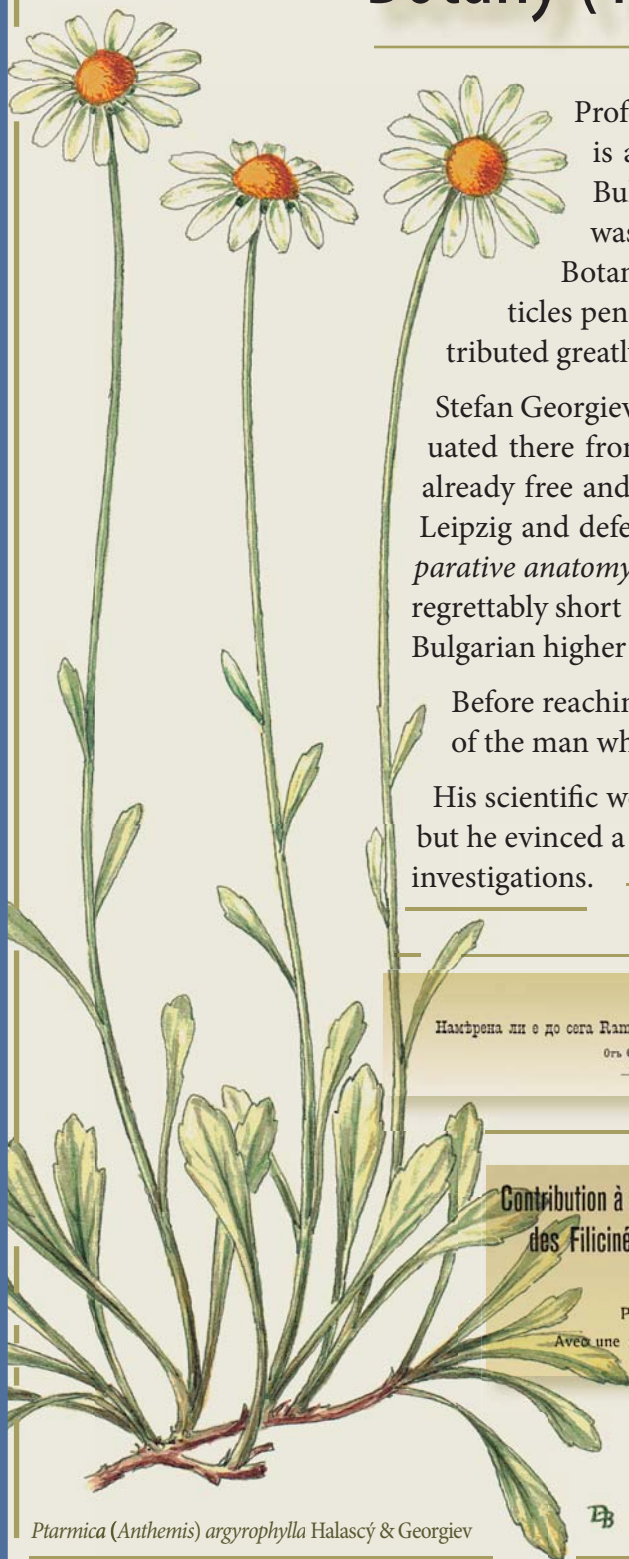
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# On the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the birth of **Dr. Stefan Georgiev**, the first Bulgarian Professor of Botany (1859–1900)



*Ptarmica (Anthemis) argrophylla* Halascy & Georgiev

Professor Dr. Stefan Georgiev is a remarkable figure in the Bulgarian Natural history. He was teacher and university professor, founder of the Institute of Botany with the Higher School, and author of the first botanical articles penned by a Bulgarian. During his short creative life he had contributed greatly to the development of Bulgarian science and education.

Stefan Georgiev was born on 1<sup>st</sup> August 1859 in Bolgrad, Bessarabia. He graduated there from the famous Bolgrad Classical School and then left for the already free and reviving Bulgaria. He studied natural history in Prague and Leipzig and defended successfully his Doctor's thesis on the subject *On comparative anatomy of the Chenopodiaceae*. The year 1891 marked the start of his regrettably short academic career (only nine years) as professor in botany at the Bulgarian higher School.

Before reaching 41 years of age, in 1900, a grave illness extinguished the life of the man who laid down the foundations of Bulgarian botany.

His scientific work was dedicated to studies into the Bulgarian vascular flora, but he evinced a much broader scientific interest in diatoms, fungi and lichens investigations.

Лютикови растения (Ranunculaceae) изъ България.

Отъ Ст. Георгиевъ.

Нахвърна ли е до сега *Ranuncula Serbica* Panč. въ България?

Отъ Ст. Георгиевъ.

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Beitrag zur vergleichenden Anatomie der Chenopodiaceen.

Von Prof. Dr. St. Gheorghieff in Sofia.

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Contribution à l'étude des Diatomées, des Champignons, des Filicinées et des Phanérogâmes de Bulgarie.

Par Dr. St. Gheorghiev (prof. ord.).

Avec une introduction par Dr. St. Petkov (prof. extr.).

Родопитъ и Рилската Планина и нивната растителност\*).

Отъ Ст. Георгиевъ.





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