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**S**TEPHAN PETKOFF is a Bulgarian botanist, born on 5<sup>th</sup> of June 1866 in Lovech, Bulgaria. He was a lecturer in Sofia University “St. Kliment Ohridski”, the author of the first bibliography of the Bulgarian flora. From 1907, he was a member of Bulgarian Literary Society, today the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences. Prof. Petkoff was founder and luminary of Bulgarian phycology.

The book begins with the intriguing biography and professional achievements of S. Petkoff, presented with a great respect by the authors. It contains the major works of Prof. Stephan Petkoff published in Bulgarian. His scientific work was in the field of algal flora, fungal and moss vegetation, forest vegetation, plant physiology, studies on flora and vegetation of Bulgarian mountains and the Black Sea coast etc. He is author of over 170 scientific papers and publications, books in botany, bibliography of Bulgarian flora etc. A complete list of all publications of Prof. S. Petkoff is supplemented at the end of the book. Petkoff is founder and a leader of the Bulgarian Botanical Society, Bulgarian cave society and other professional organizations.

Professor Petkoff died on 8th of February 1951 in Sofia, Bulgaria. He was not able to fulfil his dream – to publish a complete Flora of Bulgarian algae. But he left a significant legacy for Bulgarian botany, education and nature protection. This book provides an essential part of his scientific work and is an opportunity for researchers of the Bulgarian and Balkan flora to access easily these important papers, copies of which are stored only in few libraries.



