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# National Report 2020

## BULGARIA

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### *Activities*

- Place naming
- Infrastructure development
- Promoting Antarctica



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### *Place naming*

June 2019 – July 2020

A total of ninety-one new names



## *Regional distribution*

South Shetland Islands	32
Palmer Archipelago	1
Nordenskjöld Coast	4
Oscar II Coast	3
Wilhelm Archipelago	42
Biscoe Islands	9





## *Feature type statistics*

Islands, reefs and rocks	53	58%
Water bodies	25	28%
Elevations	8	9%
Beaches	4	4%
Headlands	1	1%



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### *Etymology*

Descriptive names	41	45%
Antiquity and mythology	31	34%
Personal names	17	19%
(incl. living persons	12	13%)
Bulgarian settlements	1	1%
Science	1	1%



## *Usage of Bulgarian names*

*Full description in:*

- Composite Gazetteer of Antarctica. Scientific Committee on Antarctic Research (SCAR)
- Bulgarian Antarctic Gazetteer. Antarctic Place-names Commission of Bulgaria

*Used in scientific research, maps, encyclopedic dictionaries, travel histories, tourist guides, documentaries, etc.*





## *Infrastructure development New laboratory*

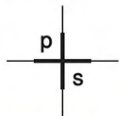
2019 Tender for the architectural design of a new  
laboratory building at the Bulgarian base  
St. Kliment Ohridski on Livingston Island, South  
Shetland Islands

Held by the Bulgarian Antarctic Institute

Won by PS Architects Studio

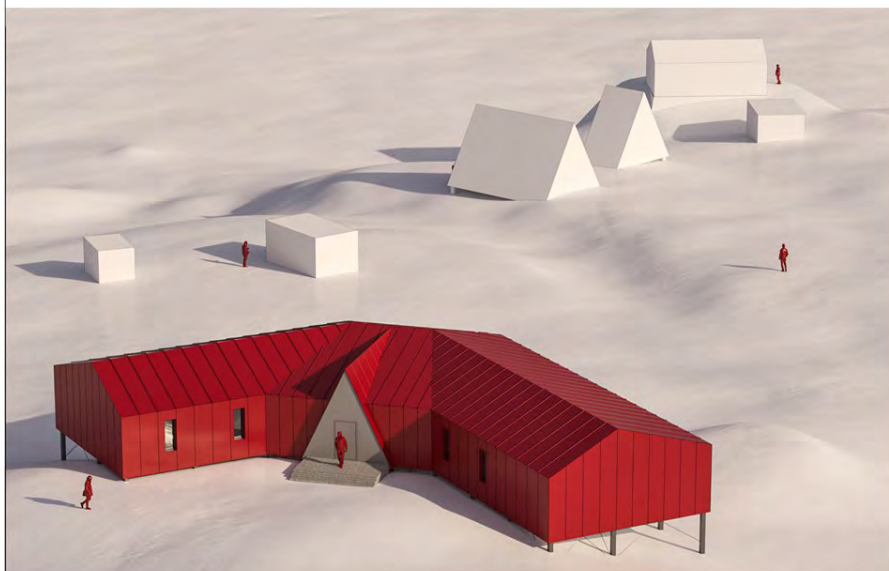


Ohridski Base buildings, the new  
laboratory visualized on the right  
Image: PS Architects



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Images: PS Architects







## *Promoting Antarctica*

### *APECS Bulgaria activities*

- Antarctic day at the lecture series for school teachers organized by the Union of Physicists in Bulgaria, July 2020
- Geological and biological history of the White Continent. Exhibition at the National Centre for Polar Research, June 2020
- Polar Week at the National Museum of Natural History, December 2019
- Second APECS Balkan Conference: The contribution of polar explorers from Southeast Europe to Antarctic science. Sofia, November 2019
- European Researchers' Night: APECS events in Sofia and Blagoevgrad, September 2019

Sofia Science Festival 2020  
Photo: APECS





APECS Balkan Conference 2019  
Photo: APECS





Children's Art Exhibition 2020  
Photo: APECS





## *Promoting Antarctica*

### *Popular publications*

- Javier Cacho. *Nansen: The polar explorer who wanted to change the world*. Sofia: Vakon Publishers, 2020 (in Bulgarian; Spanish edition in 2017)

### *Feature film*

- Stanislav Donchev. *Letters from Antarctica*. October 2019 (partly shot at the Bulgarian Antarctic base)





## *Promoting Antarctica*

### *Music*

- On an invitation by the Bulgarian Antarctic Institute, kaval player Teodosiy Spasov and guitarist Hristiyan Tsvyatkov performed several concerts, and composed and recorded ten music pieces in Antarctica, February 2020

### *Documentary*

- Ema Konstantinova. *The dance of the penguins*. October 2020 (on the Antarctic music tour of Spasov and Tsvyatkov)



Tsvyatkov and Spasov  
Photo: C. Pimpirev

*Thank you!*