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INVITATION

SEMINAR 15 (in Bulgarian):

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TRADITIONAL BULGARIAN MEDICINE IN TERNOVKA VILLAGE, UKRAINE

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Annotation: The study examines some aspects of traditional medicine in the Bulgarian diaspora group living in the village of Ternovka (today the micro-trainee of the town of Nikolaev, Ukraine) and the surrounding villages from the beginning of the 19th century.

In the studied community from generation to generation, the legacy of folk medicine has been transmitted, in particular the experience of self-medication with phytotherapy, minerals, etc. It is emphasized that for a long time, in the absence of official medical help, the treatment of the settlers was carried out by healers and fortune tellers, with people's midwives being particularly sought after – grandmothers who helped with labour. Personal information is provided for individual healers and their treatments.



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The study focuses on the fact that in the village of Ternovka traditionally practiced ritual treatment with the help of magical spells, the experience of which the ancestors of the residents in the village have brought from their previous places of residence in the metropolis. The study presents examples of treatment by spells on ordinary and so-called folklore diseases, above all as bad eyes, as well as authentic texts used by spells.

Particular attention is paid to the folk experience in the treatment of childhood diseases when it comes to beliefs related to children`s health.

The research concludes with the ‘rational’ and ‘irrational’ methods of treatment practised by local healers. The restrictions of folk medicine are emphasized in the treatment of settlers with many diseases and its natural transformation into an unconventional in the second half of the 20th century.



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