

*Assen Ivanov Hadjioloff – Biobibliography* by Jores Yordanov and Zdravka Boyadjieva. S., Publishing House of the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences, 1990. 365 p.

In the presented to the Bulgarian scientific and cultural community Biobibliography of the well-known Academician Assen Ivanov Hadjioloff – a medical and biological scientist, the remarkable life and creative development of the eminent scientist and social activist of ours is displayed thoroughly. It has been really hard for the authors to encompass the almost 60-year long scientific production of an investigator such as A. I. Hadjioloff who with his pioneer studies in various fields of cell and tissue biology (cytology, histology, embryology, cytochemistry, fluorescent microscopy etc.) ranks among the first scientists of an international scope. Full survey of the numerous works of Acad. A. I. Hadjioloff on the problems of tissue and organ histology is not comparatively an easy task also because of the fact that all works are characterized with the use of a broad spectrum of modern methods – histochemical, histoenzymatical, fluorescent microscopical, historadiographical, embryological, TEM- and SEM-ultracytochemical ones having found a wide application in the developed under A. I. Hadjioloff's long-year guidance experimental laboratories, Chair of Histology and Embryology at the Medical Faculty – Sofia and Institute of Cell Biology and Morphology at the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences.

All these difficult tasks have been fulfilled brilliantly by the two authors of the Biobibliography encompassing most thoroughly the period of his life and creative achievement till 1987 – his 85th anniversary and 60 years of the publishing of the first scientific work of the great medical and biological scientist of ours. Save for a scientist-researcher A. I. Hadjioloff is known also as a researcher of history of science, organizer and popularizer of scientific knowledge, teacher, social activist, sponsor of young scien-

tists and aspirants and creator of a scientific school and trends in the Bulgarian morphological science.

The biobibliography consists of five chapters which are preceded by the absorbing study of professor Jores Yordanov "Academician Assen Ivanov Hadjioloff – life and scientific tribute". The first chapter comprises the basic dates and events of the life and work of Acad. Hadjioloff, arranged chronologically. The second chapter represents a bibliography of his scientific works in which a total of 984 are systematized – most of them published independently or in collaboration, systematized in groups of five problems and chronologically – following the turn of their publication. The five groups of works from this second chapter include the scientific-research works – articles and monographs, textbooks in cytology, histology, embryology and hematology, articles on the problems of the history, philosophy and organization of science, reviews on books and science-popularization articles, references, biographical notes etc. In the third basic chapter of the biobibliography the editorial activity of A. I. Hadjioloff is summed up as a founder, editor-in-chief and a member of editorial staffs of many Bulgarian and foreign journals. In the fourth chapter of the book are systematized the chronologically defended under the scientific guidance of Acad. Hadjioloff lots of Ph. D. and D. Sci., dissertations as well as the ones whose reviewer he has been himself. The fifth chapter embraces the literature sources dedicated to the scientific and research activity as well as to the tutorial and social activity of A. I. Hadjioloff. Except for the mentioned chapters the authors also presented three original indexes aiming at an easier orientation: 1. Subject-systematic index of the A. I. Hadjioloff's works composed according

to the various fields of science in which he has worked and published (histochemistry of the lipids, luminescence analysis of the cells and tissues, blood and nervous systems etc.); 2. Index of the proper names of A. I. Hadjioloff's coauthors — in the Cyrillic and Latin alphabet separately, with figure data concerning the sources in which the corresponding name is arranged; 3. List of the sources — also separately in Latin and the Cyrillic.

In a more detailed familiarization with the biobibliography a strong impact is produced by the large number of the used and cited bibliographic materials (journals, newspapers, monographs, reference books) as well as the succession in their arrangement in order to be presented to the reader in an easy-to-understand way which contributes a lot to the popularization

of the tributes of this outstanding Bulgarian scientist not only in our country but also in a future edition abroad — before a broader circle of foreign readers. Undoubtedly, this edition is very useful for A. I. Hadjioloff's collaborators and disciples who find in it an exceptionally complete bibliographic reference to their common works including brief summaries and information about the citation of each paper in our country and abroad. For the young scientific workers the biobibliography emerges not only as a valuable example of an exceedingly profound in its essence scientific creative work but also as a bibliographic source which undisputedly will arouse new interests and future research projects.

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