

Dr. Jonas Uro Basanavichius – Regular Member of the Bulgarian Literary Society and Founder of Anthropological Researches in Bulgaria

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In the early period immediately after the Liberation of Bulgaria, a number of foreign representatives of different branches of science – medical doctors, archaeologists, historians, humanitarians, who reside in different time periods in Bulgaria, contributed to Bulgarian scientific and cultural development. Between them shines particularly the name of the great son of Lithuania, Dr. Jonas Uro Basanavichius (Basanavičius) (23 November 1851 – 16 February 1927) – physician, scholar encyclopaedist, politician. With brief interruption he spends 25 years of his life in Bulgaria. He has huge contributions to the development of health and medical science in Bulgaria. He published scientific papers on Archaeology, ethnography and linguistics of Bulgaria. With his fundamental work “Materials for sanitary ethnography of Bulgaria. I. Lom County /1880-1889/”, Dr. Basanavichius became founder of the first established representative anthropological study of the population in Bulgaria.

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