

LET ME INTRODUCE MYSELF!

I was born by hearth (February 18th) in the mountain village of Varvarica, Strumica, a village where not a single bird was flying: foresaken, deserted, barren, without water, electricity or road. People lived from the cattle, but the day had come when the goats were killed, the cattle was taken... And then, where? In the city? When I was three, my dad took me by my hand and after five-six hours walking, he took me to Strumica. He got on rapidly there, he finished his education and as a functionary, he took me all around Macedonia: Debar, Gostivar, Skopje and then back again to Strumica.

There, I finished primary and secondary school, whereas the Faculty of Philosophy, Slavic studies program with Macedonian as my second major, in Skopje.

In 1971, I was employed in the Institute of Macedonian Language where I went through all levels of profession: from an intern to Scientific Advisor. At the same time, I got my Masters Degree on a topic from the field of onomastic and a PhD in philology on a topic from the field of lexicology.

When I go to Varvarica, I reluctantly raise my gaze towards the high cliffs from which rare, tough trees zealous for life have sprout forth, and unintentionally I compare myself to them, since I was born in unimaginable conditions, and here I am now – working in the Institute of Macedonian Language “Krstev Misirkov” - Skopje.

In my life and in my working experience so far I have had happy and, unfortunately, unhappy moments as well. If I have achieved something, I did it with a lot of efforts and, I can openly state, with a lot of acrimony, with many constraints that are now past tense, but when they had been in force they shattered my soul to a great extent. However, here I am now, at this place, publishing my work “Dictionary of Syntagmas, Half-phrases and Phrases” (from the aspect of their defining). With a SYNONYMOUS nature.

Read and judge by yourselves!