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NEW MONOGRAPH ON RAILWAY DEVELOPMENT

The monograph presents the history of the Bulgarian transport system since the 19 c. But the emphasis in the research is first and foremost on the construction of ports and railway stations (Roberts 2019, pp. 33 – 34) carried out in the beginning of the last century¹ and often the focus of attention are not so much the facilities themselves, but the monumental sculptures that decorate them². The new book by Associate Professor Peter Achev “Development of railways in the Principality of Bulgaria” (Achev 2021) aims to cope with the outlined disproportion...

The development of the transport system of the Principality for the specified period has so far been reconstructed mainly according to the data of the Central State Archives and limited to the funds of SA – Ruse, and SA – Plovdiv (Yalin 2016). The imperfection of the historical reconstruction was noticed by modern researchers (Gogov et al. 2018). A boost in the complex elucidation of the problem gave the opening of two funds in SA – Vidin (State Archives – Vidin) and DVIA (State Military Historical Archive)³ which ...

In his article, Dr. Zhivko Egov first points out the importance of the information given by the newly opened funds in SA – Vidin, paying attention to the detailed illumination in the stored documents at the stages of renewal of the locomotive park (Egov 2020, p. 19) and the quality of the preparation of the staff in the railway school opened in the beginning of the last century⁴, which was actually first promulgated by Prof. Yavor Popov (Popov 2017, p. 28) ...

As a result of the examination of the newly opened funds in SA-Vidin and DVIA, Associate Professor Achev found the visible modernization of the locomotive park, which allowed a new reading of the development of railway transport in the Principality of Bulgaria from the end of the 19th century and the beginning of the 20th century, and finds its convincing reflection in his new book that I recommend to the researchers and teachers of the history of Bulgarian transport and technology.

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