

**The Candidacies from the National System “Living Human Treasures – Bulgaria” and Their Preservation in the National Centre of Intangible Cultural Heritage at IEFSEM**

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(Summary)

The purpose of the text is to present the candidacies from the National System “Living Human Treasures – Bulgaria” preserved in the National Centre of Intangible Cultural Treasure (NCICT) at the Institute of Ethnology and Folklore Studies with Ethnographic Museum – BAS, which is inseparable from the activities related to safeguarding intangible cultural heritage.

The candidacies include, recorded in the National register of intangible cultural heritage, elements from various shares of traditional culture – rituals and celebrations, singing, playing, dancing and traditional children’s games, storytelling, crafts, household activities and livelihood, traditional medicine. The traditional culture of specific villages on the territory of the country is presented – knowledge, skills, technologies and practices, preserved at present, transmitted to the next generations, and which the community itself defines as important for its cultural ingenuity.

The candidacies of the National system “Living human treasures – Bulgaria” are submitted to NCICT as they are processed in archives and permanently preserved. They contain various types of documents on different carriers – paper, video, audio and photo. They turn into source material which presupposes their inclusion into scientific circulation as well as making them accessible to a broader circle of users with academic or popular objectives.

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