PUNCALLE BUROSHUME

XLIX (2010), 1-2

DÉDIÉ AU 75^{ème} ANNIVERSAIRE DU PROF. D^r TODOR AT. TODOROV

TABLE DES MATIÈRES

Hristina Deykova. Le professeur Dr Todor Atanasov Todorov à 75 ans	5
Bibliographie des travaux du prof. Dr Todor At. Todorov	15
1. Jack Feuillet. La formation des futurs dans le bulgare du début du XIX ^E siècle	35
2. Жана Ж. Варбот. Болгарские этимологии	43
3. Helmut Wilhelm Schaller. Das wissenschaftliche Erbe des russischen Sprachwissenschaftlers Roman F. Brandt	
4. Boryana Velčeva, Christo Choliolčev. Gr. κανίσκι, altbulg. канисъкъ, bulg. канѝска	
5. Григорий Венедиктов. Наречие <i>втърди</i> в печатном болгарском тексте начала 20-х годов XIX в.	
6 Augnor H Coforer O	69
7. Владимир Шаур. Болг. матор 'баран для расплода'	79
8. Boris Paraškevov. Bulg. <i>сомелиерство</i> : Herkunft und etymologische Zusammenhänge	
9. Людвиг Селимский. О происхождении имени Кумрия	89
10. Corinna Leschber. Rumänische Bezeichnungen für Pflanzen und Pflanzenteile auf der Grundlage von slavischen Etyma	
11. Jasna Vlajić-Popović . The Bulg. бишка 'Sow, Swine' Revisited	05
12. Любор Кралик. Из словацко-болгарских лексических параллелей: * <i>čurěti</i> 'сохнуть, чахнуть, вянуть'1	
13. Mira Načeva-Marvanová. Trans-Continental Area Features of <i>ava-</i> and <i>va-</i> River Names in Europe	
14. Marija Vučković. Serbian Prison Jargon: Daravela 'an Alarmist'	29
15. Виктор П. Шульгач. Болг. диал. гуша и родственные славянские формы 1.	35

ACADÉMIE BULGARE DES SCIENCES LINGUISTIQUE BALKANIQUE XLIX (2010), 1-2

Jasna VLAJIĆ-POPOVIĆ (Belgrade)

THE BULG. EHILIKA 'SOW, SWINE' REVISITED*

If the valued Bulgarian etymological dictionary, BEP, which is about to be completed after decades of laborious work and the current supervision of our celebrant, professor Todor At. Todorov, is ever going to be re-written, its second edition will certainly contain the lemma *bùue* 'pig(let)' and its word family (at present available in BEP 1: 51). It is also likely that it will be updated not only with Bulgarian dialectal material, but also with respective data from other neighbouring languages. It is with that prospect in mind that this paper has been written, as a contribution to the future edition of this dictionary.

The first volume of БЕР, published four decades ago, under the entry δùue also features δùuκα 'sow, swine' (plus a phytonym for the species datura stramonium and dipsacus silvestris), and a couple of derivatives from the latter form: δυμκὰρ 'swineherd' and δυμκὸρυπα 'pork (meat)'. The etymological interpretation traces this zoonym, through the Alb. bishë 'beast, predator', to some unspecified Ital. dialectal form, and then to the Ital. biscia 'snake'. Also quoted are a number of Romanic nominations for a variety of domestic animals (themselves very local and peripheral in respective languages, like the dialectal Ladinian bescia 'sheep', Corsican bestyola 'pork', Obwaldian biest 'pork, sheep', or Fr. bête 'cattle, animal'), all ultimately descended from the Lat. bestia 'wild animal' (taken from REW, cf. БЕР 1: 51). Although formally possible, this etymology is unlikely to be correct if all aspects of etymological analysis are taken into consideration, including the extra-linguistic ones.

In our view, principally disputable are several elements explicitly or implicitly

contained in the above etymology.

The supposed direct Albanian mediation is unlikely due to semantic obstacles. The gap beween the two meanings, Bulg. 'pig' and Alb. 'beast' is intractable because it appears not within a single language but between different ones. In the process of borrowing, loanwords only cross language borders – they do not simultaneously undergo semantic shifts. The culturological aspect potentially involved does not really support the idea of borrowing.¹

The next link in the supposed borrowing chain, the source of irradiation of $\delta uuka$ in the overseas Italian biscia 'snake', while respecting the formal aspect (i.e. the -i- phonetism), ignores the semantics (hard to imagine is the evolution: 'snake' \rightarrow 'wild animal' \rightarrow 'pig') and the linguo-geographic fact that along the Adriatic and Ionian coasts, prior to various dialects of Italian, Latin was used.

The descendance of a term designating but a common realia of everyday life from some distant and non-cognate languages (in fact, from their dialects), can hardly be placed in parallel. Such borrowing could theoretically be justified for some specific objects of trade or exotic imports, but that is not the case here.

Last but not least, the principle that alloglottal origin is to be sought only after all the possibilities of idioglottal interpretations have been exhausted, was not respected in this etymology.

Before proposing an alternative etymological interpretation we should look at the entire current available corpus of attestations of the word $\delta iuu\kappa a$ and its related forms, in Bulgarian and other Balkan languages. Unfortunately, the desirable distinction of forms by antiquity cannot be employed since, due to their dialectal nature, all the attestations of $\delta iuu\kappa a$ (save those of Gerov) are relatively new, dating from the last few decades of the twentieth century. Hence they are arranged within language boundaries and accompanied by semantic commentaries.

In the domain of linguistic geography, in the first step the domestic Bulgarian areal is to be extended by $\delta \dot{u}u\kappa b$ f. 'a hypocoristicon for cow' Troyan (БД 4: 191) and $\delta \dot{u}u\kappa a$ f. 'children's game with the objective of pushing a small round stone with a club into a small hole' Pirdop (БД 4: 90). The interjection for calling pigs δuuu - δuu from Dedeagač (БД 5: 224) also belongs here.

Then there are a number of attestations from the fairly extensive Macedonian terrain (mostly Aegean), recorded in various sources and most abundantly from the region of Kostur: δύων n. 'porker', 'dirty man', δύωκα f. 'sow', 'dirty woman'; 'a hockey-like game; a tin ball used in that game', δύωκοφ adj. 'relating to pigs', δυωκοβύμα f. 'the smell of pigs', δύωκαρ m. 'swineherd', δυωκάρκα f. 'id.'; 'an indecent woman', δυωκάρμκυ adj. 'swineherd's'; δυωψέρ / δυμήρε n. 'piglet' (БД 8: 210). Then, there is the δυω-δυω interj. for calling pigs, δυωκάρμωκ 'pigsty', δύωλ' αεσια adj. 'fat (of a woman)' in Kukuš (Π e e B 1988: 24); also indirectly attested in the phrase: εα-y'yδύλ δύωκασια 'he has dressed, boned, and washed the pig' (ibid. 120 s.v. yλ'yδυμ); δυων, pl. δυωνια Dolna Prespa, also δυωο δυωο/ δυωκ δυωκα 'wild boar' ibid., Voden, nonobo δυωο 'dragon-fly', δυωκα 'sow', δυωκία, δυωκιαρια 'wineherd' ibid., δυωκάρκα f. 'id.' Voden (B u d z i s z e w s k a 1983: 28); and finally δυωνιαμε n. 'pig(let)' Gevgelija (Ђ o p ħ e B u ħ 1958: 198).⁴

The alleged Serbian dial. *δυιμκα* 'pig' (PCAHY) has proved to be an erroneous attribution since it was recorded in Gevgelija,⁵ so it too belongs to Macedonian – hence its deliberate absence from EPCJ 3 in a lemma of its own.⁶ On

the other hand, the reason why this form from PCAHY (although recorded in its first volume, published back in 1959) is missing from subsequent related titles, both BEP and B u d z i s z e w s k a (l.cc.), seems to be purely accidental.

The alleged Albanian dial. *bishë* 'pig' (B u d z i s z e w s k a 1983: 28) appears to be a phantom-word, i.e. a phantom-meaning, probably recorded just in the bilingual area of the Dolna Prespa region, since it could not be identified anywhere else. In its standard meaning 'beast, wild animal', however, it can undoubtedly be traced back to the Lat. *bestia* 'id.'.⁷

So far, no traces of any word(s) resembling *biška* have been found in Greek – although in the vernaculars of this language, too, from the meeting point of three borders in Dolna Prespa (or in Eastern Thrace, cf. Dedeagač alias Alexandroupoli) region, term(s) of this kind might be expected.

In view of the material presented above, the reasons for opposing the Albanian origin of $\delta u u \kappa a$ seem not to have been exhausted by the set of principal objections described in §§ 2.-2.4.

It is paradoxical that the presence of this word in B u d z i s z e w s k a (l.c.), although invaluable for the abundance of dialectal attestations from both published sources and (her own?) field investigations, has only corroborated the thesis of its non-Albanian origin.

In the first place, the Alb. meaning 'pig' is not validly documented, nor even fixed in a certain location.

Even if, hypothetically, we decide to ignore this crucial fact and take $\delta uuka$ to be a Balkanism⁸ spreading from an Albanian prototype, the semantic problem would still remain, for in both principle (cf. § 2.1.) and practice, the difference between the actual meaning 'wild animal' in Albanian, and 'pig' in the Macedonian and Bulgarian dialects cannot be understood as normal. Hence it calls for a specific documentation and explanation, ⁹ both of which are lacking in this case.

The attestation by B u d z i s z e w s k a (l.c.) is additionally questionable when the etymon she proposes is taken into acount. Without any phonetic comment and ignoring the formal problems involved, she quotes as a primary source the Alb. *bicun* 'pig(let)', ¹⁰ and only in the second place does she mention *bishë* 'wild animal', adding that it a 1 s o means 'pig' (ead.; spacing J.V.-P.).

Hence it can legitimately be argued that $bish\ddot{e}$ 'pig', if it really does exist in some Albanian vernacular speech, is probably a loanword from a Slavic source. As such, it lacks the ending -ka (cf. note 13) of the most widespread form buuka 'sow', but reflects the neutrum buue 'piglet'.

And finally, in the realm of pure theory (formally possible but semantically and onomasiologically highly unlikely) there is a chance that 6uuka is after all of Albanian origin – but with another etymon: from an older *bišt-ka, a hybrid formed from the Alb. bisht 'tail' (and also 'head of cattle'), and the Slavic ending -ka. Such a form is conceivable as an occasionalism created in the contact zone of the two languages.

In the view of everything that has been argued so far against the Albanian origin, it appears plausible to propose an alternative, Slavic etymology of the zoonym in question. Even here there are two possible solutions.

The form δuue might well be a denominal from the interjection δuu , often reduplicated as δuue - δuu , well attested in both Macedonian and Bulgarian dialects (cf. §§ 3.1., 3.2.).

The interjection itself could be a local onomatopoea. Or it can be compared with – but not related to – the neighbouring Serb. δuu (- δuu), ultimately related to $\delta u\kappa$ 'bull' (as the palatalisation of *byk-, cf. EPCJ 3: 347).

But it might also be exlained as part of a greater Common Slavic isogloss. Not only does T p y δ a q e B (1960: 68) claim interjections to be standard motivations for zoonyms meaning 'pig' (inter alia, he mentions Kash. $buc \rightarrow bucla$, Slovinian $bu\check{c} \rightarrow bu\check{c}ka$), but in the more recent (and extensive) SEK, even closer Kashubian counterparts can be found in $bu\chi la$ 'swine' (with its derivatives $bu\chi la\check{c}$ m. 'suckling pig' and the intensified verb $bu\chi lot\mathring{a}c$ impf. 'to eat greedily and noisily'), explained as related to $bu\chi ! bu\chi !$ 'wyraz, za pomocą którego wabią świnie' (SEK 1: 163), and its synonymous $bu\check{s}a$ 'swine' (again related to an interjection, namely $bu\check{s}!$ buš! for calling pigs, cf. SEK 1: 173), ¹² as well as $bu\check{c}a$ 'swine' (also $bu\check{c}ka$ 'id.', related to the interj. $bu\check{c}!$ $bu\check{c}!$ and to general Pol. $bucze\acute{c}$ 'to produce a low, drawling sound' deriving from Common Slavic * $bu\check{c}ati$, cf. SEK 1: 159-160). It is interesting that all three zoonyms are described as being isolated not only on Polish territory, but also on the broader Western Slavic terrain. No reference is made to the situation in other Slavic lands – perhaps due to lack of information or simply because this was beyond the range of the study quoted (cf. note 12).

Although we are not dealing with "normal" words susceptable to standard phonetic laws but with interjections, the phonetic contrast between the northern and southern Slavic forms makes their similarity and genetic relation evident: a regular Slavic *-u-: *-y- yields Bulg. -y-: -u- (since the latter vowel reflects both PSl. *i and *y). In this case, the alternation was perhaps additionally influenced by analogy with the widespread synonym cbung. As for the *-x-: *-š- opposition, the latter consonant, i.e. Bulg. -u- occured as the result of palatalisation.

The other possibility is to render the neutrum a secondary formation, starting from $\delta uu\kappa a$ as a postverbal nomen agent is of the also dialectal verb $\delta uu\kappa a \omega$ 'to scatter, jumble (up)' Sofia ($\beta Z : 70$), 'to move, push aside' Rodopi ($\beta Z : 130$), 'to thrust, shove, push aside (with a club, foot or hand)' Pirdop ($\beta Z : 130$). The fact that the verb has no satisfactory etymology so far¹⁴ does not exclude the possibility of it

being the immediate etymon of the noun since they have been attested on roughly the same terrain. ¹⁵ Perhaps it can – more than just hypothetically – be considered a continuant of the PSI. *buxati (i.e. *byxati), and correspondingly placed among the family of continuants of that verb whose semantic syncretism is developed around the core meanings 'to hit, beat, push, spank, etc.' (cf. $B \pi a j \mu h - \Pi o \pi o B \mu h 2002: 217-267$).

As for the deverbal nature of terms for pigs, cf. the standard S.-Cr. $\kappa p Ma \vee a$ 'sow' from $\kappa p Mumu$ 'to fodder' (S k o k 2: 205-206 s.v. $krma^2$), likewise dialectal examples of motivation by fattening semantics in S.-Cr. $\delta a c y / b(a)$ (from $\delta a c a m u$, $\mu a \delta a c a m u$ ce 'to eat; stuff oneself') as well as the Čakavian bah, $bahi\acute{c}$, bahuja, bahan and bak, $baki\acute{c}$, bakuja (all ultimately continuing the PSI. *buxati, cf. B π a j μ \hbar - Π o Π o B μ \hbar l.c.). These could perhaps be related to the Kash. buxacsa 'to be vain, conceited', 'to walk with difficulty' which is explained as a Kash. innovation based on the PSI. *buxati, or Kash. buxa 'vanity, haughtiness' (SEK 1: 163, 162).

Beyond the present review, which is limited to establishing just basic ideas on the etymology of $\delta \dot{u}u\kappa a$, investigation of potential links between the Bulg. and Mac. $\delta \dot{u}u\kappa a$ 'pig; sow', also 'cow' and the S.-Cr. and Slov. $bu\check{s}a$ 'small cow, small but strong ox', apparently originating from a widespread European onomatopoea (cf. S k o k 1: 244, B e z 1 a j 1: 54) remains the subject of future study.

There are two directions of semantic development worthy of comment.

The meaning 'a hockey-like game' or 'tin ball used in that game' appears to be motivated solely by the verb $\delta \hat{u}u\mu a$ 'to hit, throw, jerk, etc.' i.e. its intensified / iterative form $\delta \hat{u}u\kappa a M$. However, if we assume the name of the game to be secondary, the object functioning as a marker can also be a metaphor for 'swine' (cf. e.g. the S.-Cr. $\kappa p M a u a$ 'sow', also 'a piece of wood or a stone in shepherds' game; the game itself' in PCAHY s.v.).

Although the semantics of 'swine' is itself broad enough to account for meanings like 'dirty, filthy; an untidy, ill-mannered person', we cannot discount the possibility that the development of the semantics of this kind has been influenced by *nuc* adj. indecl. 'dirty, impure', a Turcism attested in roughly the same area: in Rodopi, Samokov, Kukuš (cf. EEP 5: 257). 16

In conclusion it can be said that the Bulg. $6uu\kappa a$, being a dialectal word and not documented in historical sources, will probably always remain one of those words that cannot be given a full and indisputably convincing etymological interpretation. This paper has attempted to provide a new insight into its origin by re-analyzing known facts. Contrary to the earlier prevailing idea about the Albanian provenance of the word, a domestic Slavic interpretation is advocated: the attestations do come from the contact zones of bilingual, even trilingual areas, but at the same time, they also emanate from a peripheral region of the greater Slavic territory. Hence they can be understood as relicts, with solid counterparts in Kashubian $bu\chi!$ $bu\chi!$ interj., $bu\chi la$ 'swine', etc.

NOTES

The English text appears in the author's original version.

In simple terms, the predominantly Muslim Albanians (as well as the long-term common rulers of both nations, the likewise Muslim Turks), are not reputed pig-breeders. The chances of Christian Bulgarians naming their pigs using the pejorative word which their neighbours from a limited territory and period perhaps (!) or supposedly use(d) to designate an animal outside their own tradition, are just too slim.

² For a detailed distribution map of this term (in contrast to the synonymous *свињар*), which occupies a wider area than the zoonym from which it derives, cf. MДА 131-134, map 22 and compare ibid. 103-106, map 15. Quite expectedly, the etymology provided

there (ibid. 106) is taken from BEP.

³ Note the comment by Симоновић (1959: 163, in a note on вочић lit. 'a little ox' – one of the Serbian names of this plant) that, depending on its size and state of maturity, the thorny fruit of this plant is named *meouu*, кравице, бикови (calves, cows, bulls).

⁴ The description goes: У Ђевђелији и околини свиња се зове *бишка*. Младунче је у првој години прасе *бишинце*, а кад одрасте мушко је *нерец*, а женско *бишка* или *прасица*. [In Gevgelija and its environs the pig is called *biška*. The piglet in its first year is *bišince*, and when it grows up, the male is *nerec* and the female is *biška* or *prasica*] (Ђ о р ђ е в и ћ 1958: 198, in a passage devoted to terms for pig "код нашег народа" [among our people] which then meant in Serbo-Croatian, but did not exclude references to other interesting words he had encounted on his field trips throughout the country of Yugoslavia, including this hapax legomenon in his writings.

⁵ The geographically ambiguous example: Сељаци из Крушара (код Пазара) причају како су на пазарском тргу куповали бишке (свиње) из Поморавља. [Peasants from Krušar (near Pazar) say that at Pazar market they used to buy biške (pigs) from Pomoravlje], contains the enigma of whether the term itself came together with pigs from the Morava basin in central Serbia. As for the toponymy involved, Krušar is not the village near Cuprija, and Pazar is not the present-day Novi Pazar, since the description by Borivoje Milojević was published in the journal Zabavnik, a supplement to Novine srpske, Krf 1917, Nr. 18, pg. 12 – the same author later published a report on southern Macedonia in Srpski etnografski zbornik X, Beograd 1921, 1-148, where he makes a few references to Pazar as a town (alongside with Lerin and Salonika), as well as districts of the towns of Kostur (Пазар на друв) and Njegoš: У Његошу се чаршија зове "Пазар" (ibid. 90-91, 88, 94).

⁶ For reasons explained in previous notes, it is only mentioned as a Mac. and Bulg. dialectism potentially connected with (можда у вези са...) the verb *бишкати* (EPCJ 3: 356).

Cf. O r e 11998: 27; also M e y e r 1891: 38, who extends the semantic diversity with 'badger' and 'hamster' – still within the realm of wild animals, thus far removed from the domestic 'pig'.

We use this term in the same way as B u d z i s z e w s k a (cf. her title) and not according to Sandfeld's classical definition which maintains that a Balkanism is a word present in at least three non-cognate languages – a condition not fulfilled in the case of the

Albanian-Macedonian-Bulgarian triad.

⁹ Although there are instances of even greater semantic diversification among the continuants of the Lat. *bestia* in Romanic languages and dialects (cf. REW 1061. *bestia*: Das Wort bezeichnet auch puschl., borm., lad. das 'Schaf', obw. das 'Schwein', lucc. die 'Kuh'. – Ablt.: siz. *vistiolu* 'Kalb', kors. *bestyola* 'junges Schwein', vlev. *bestiolu* 'Eber', prov.

bestiola 'Vieh'), this is not a model for this case because for all of them the respective terms belong to an inherited lexicon, prone to more extensive semantic shifting than is the case with

loanwords.

10 Or e l 1998: 24 s.v. *bic*, following Çabej, renders it an onomatopoea, without commenting on Desnicka's derivation from S.-Cr. *bica* 'dwarf'. For more details on the latter (save for this very meaning, apparently a phantom, too, since it is not to be found in relevant S.-Cr. dictionaries), see EPCJ 3: 347 s.v. *6uy*.

11 We are mindful of the fact that nothing of the kind is suggested by either G. Svane 1992 or X. Ylly 1997 in their monographs on the Slavic lexicon in Albanian since they do not

have this word on their lists.

12 In this last lemma a reference is made to Mac. δyuka as luring for pigs and cows, and Sln. bušika, as luring for pigs, but the primary source of these data we cannot check since they are taken from E. Siatkowska: Zachodnioslowiańskie zawolania na zwierzeta, Warszawa 1976, to which we do not have current access. However, for the same root vocalism compare Mac. dial. yδyuka f. 'pejorative name for a lazy woman' Kičevo (Π a δ p o c κ a 2008: 237), since the semantics of 'lazy', 'sloppy', 'dirty', 'ugly', etc. are often found syncretically in pejorative terms for females.

13 Certainly from the PSl. *-bka or *-bka – for the indiscernability of this couple, frequently used to make the feminine form of masculine nouns, cf. Sła w s k i 1974; 94.

14 Georgiev's idea that it is a contamination ("кръстоска") of бичкам, мушкам,

пишкам (cf. БЕР 1: 51) cannot be regarded as a final solution.

15 The uncertainty of its origin accounts for the impossibility to tell whether the parallelism of Bulg. δὰμικαν and Serb. dial. διμικανμι 'to grub (of pigs)' Leskovac (EPCJ 3: 356), is just a coincidence or not. Nonetheless, it is amazing that while the Bulg. verb refers to such objects as books, bags and the like, the hapax legomenon in Serbian is directly connected to pigs!

16 Curiously enough, again there is a potentially corresponding Serbian hapax, a dial. (hypocoristicon?) *прибишко* m. 'a grimy person': Н'умишко, прибишко (говори се неумивеном чељадету) Kosovo. N.B. that this is a terrain lacking any records of *бишка* or the like, while the adjective *пис* 'dirty, ugly' is well attested here as well as further west, in Mostar (S k o k 2: 662), which creates a spatial continuum with the Bulgarian areal distribution of this Turcism with a limited presence in both languages.

REFERENCES

B e z l a j, F. 1977-2005. Etimološki slovar slovenskega jezika. 1-5. Liubljana.

B u d z i s z e w s k a, W. 1983. Słownik bałkanizmów w dialektach Macedonii Egejskiej. Warszawa.

Meyer, G. 1891. Etymologisches Wörterbuch der albanesischen Sprache. Strassburg.

O r e l, V. 1998. Albanian etymological dictionary. Leiden.

REW = W. Meyer-Lübke. 1992. Romanisches etymologisches Wörterbuch. Heidelberg.

SEK = W. Boryś, H. Popowska-Taborska. 1994-2010. Słownik etymologiczny kaszubszczyzny. 1-6. Warszawa.

S k o k, P. 1971-1974. Etimologijski rječnik hrvatskoga ili srpskoga jezika. I-IV. Zagreb.

Sławski, F. 1974. Zarys słowotwórstwa prasłowiańskiego [in:] Słownik prasłowiański 1. Wrocław.

БД = Българска диалектология. София 1962-.

БЕР = Български етимологичен речник. София 1971-.

Влајић - Поповић, Ј. 2002. Историјска семантика глагола ударања у српском језику. Београд.

Ђорђевић, Т. Р. 1958. Природа у веровању и предању нашег народа. Српски етнографски зборник LXXI. Књ. І. Београд.

ЕРСЈ = Етимолошки речник српског језика. Београд 2003-.

Лаброска, В. 2008. Кичевскиот говор. Скопје.

МДА = Македонски дијалектен атлас. Пролегомена. Скопје. 2008.

Пеев, К. 1988. Кукушкиот говор. Кн. П. Речник. Скопіе.

РСАНУ = Речник српскохрватског књижевног и народног језика. Београд. 1959-.

С и м о н о в и ћ, Д. 1959. Ботанички речник. Београд.

Т р у б а ч е в, О. Н. 1960. Происхождение названий домашних животных в славянских языках. Москва.

Author's address:

Institut za srpski jezik SANU Knez-Mihailova 36 11000 Beograd Srbija

e-mail: Jasna.Vlajic@isj.sanu.ac.rs