



“Macedonian Almanac” splendidly launched in Sofia

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The new edition of the famous 1940 *Macedonian Almanac* was superbly launched in Sofia University St. Kliment Ohridski on 2 October 2025. This famous MPO book is barely known nowadays in both Bulgaria and North Macedonia.

MPO President Nick Stefanoff addressed the event online, underlining that this red volume is one of the most valuable treasures in the history of the organization. The creator of the *Almanac* – one of the greatest leaders of the MPO, Peter Atzeff – saw it as a “Patriotic Bible” for the diaspora, a testament to our Macedono-Bulgarian cultural and historical heritage and a tool for keeping the strong Macedonian spirit alive in times when no one else could continue this cause. MPO President emphasized the importance of a future English translation of the book so that the incoming generations, who no longer read Bulgarian, can continue the noble mission of the *Almanac*.

The *Almanac* was presented also by Prof. Georgi Valchev, Rector of Sofia University and Mr. Dimitar Dimitrov, manager

of Tangra Publishing House. I as vice-chairman of Macedonian Scientific Institute had the honor to speak as well, outlining the encyclopedic nature of the famous “*Red book*”, that pours out the knowledge, the wisdom and the soul of the Macedonian Bulgarians on their native land and motherland.

In his speech President of Bulgaria Rumen Radev welcomed the publication and emphasized that in order to move forward as a society aware of its roots and to build relations of good neighborliness and mutual trust with our brothers from the Republic of North Macedonia, we must rely on the reliable and true testimonies of our history, such as this *Almanac*.

The packed University Hall was filled by old Macedonian families, many academics and students alike. The *Macedonian Almanac* book launch was organized by MPO, Macedonian Scientific Institute, Tangra Publishing House and Iliya Todorov Gadjev Institute for History of the Bulgarian Emigration in North America and was attended also by many dignitaries from Sofia and from Pirin Macedonia.



President of Bulgaria Rumen Radev speaking at the event



Video beam by MPO President Nick Stefanoff



H.E. Metropolitan of Nevrokop Serafim, Rector of Sofia University Prof. G. Valchev, President of Bulgaria R. Radev, the manager of Tangra Publishing House D. Dimitrov, Mayor of Gotse Delchev town Vl. Moskov on the front row.



Rayna Drangova, granddaughter of Boris Drangov, Elisaveta Shapkareva, president of the Bulgarian Society of Families from Macedonia and great granddaughter of Kuzman Shapkarev, and Prof. Georgi Nikolov, chairman of Macedonian Scientific Institute on the front row.



Prof. Naoum Kaytchev presenting the republished Macedonian Almanac, holding a copy in his hands