

## PREFACE

*... a boat... out of it,  
the earth is clearly visible on all sides...*

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### *UEW* IN THE INTERNATIONAL SPACE

**F**or the first time, we offer an edition of the International Collection of Scientific Works *Ukraine–Europe–World* in English to the community and the scientific world. It is as an answer to the latest challenges that are hotly debated among scholars, and the desire to bring the publication closer to the world reader, what was intended at the beginning. In 2008, when the first issue was published in mixed languages, we were interested in the conceptual dimension, a content filling, the publications quality and the possibility of balance according to different criteria. The researches were published in mixed languages such as Ukrainian, Russian, Polish and English, what was fixed legally by a relevant document. Naturally, most of the publications are presented in Ukrainian what will be continued in the future. Still we proceed from the tasks that have been, are and are staying now before our country, the historical science, and the edition first of all. Of course, responding, quickly and adequately, if possible, to the tendencies of the whole scientific space of the present.

Even a brief understanding of the latter makes it possible to state the various in character, discussions on the uncontradictory contradictions (crises and outcomes) generally, in the development of various branches of knowledge, STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics) and STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Mathematics) totally, on a completely new outcome of mankind and civilization in a planetary context and the aspirations to find answers using new instruments and views on the basic questions of being, simultaneously to ensure a safe development within the regions and states, eventually to save and understand yourself within this period of space and time, if to define them by scientific approaches and categories. All these interpretations and statements were reflected in the Ukrainian historical scientific thought and were supplemented and reinforced by the urgent needs of the Ukrainian sovereign state development.

The Scientific Collection is published in Ukraine. During these years, the country has entered a new round of history which is stormy and multifaceted. Human losses and achievements. The seizure of Crimea and the Donbas and a desperate struggle for their return. Successes and failures in the open international performances and much unknown behind the scenes. As it was noted by a well-known Ukrainian philosopher Hryhoriy Skovoroda: “The invisible determines reality”. And a sequel: “So, let cognize the visible to understand the invisible.” The editorial board also worked in this direction, formatting the numbers, introducing new sections, focusing on the topics (*UEW*, 2017, 20, 6–8).

The scientific results of the original research of both Ukrainian and foreign scientists published in the *UEW* cover a wide range of problems of World History and Ukraine in the world-historical process, elucidate various aspects of the History of foreign countries, World policy and international relations, the place and role of Ukraine in world community, Methodology and Source Study, Historiography, Ukrainian and Foreign Culture, Education and Science, which open Ukraine to the world, and the world to Ukraine.

So, from the very beginning, the founders of the international journal have oriented themselves by two basic principles that have become the priority areas: Ukraine as a component of the European space and world civilization, affirming its way, a

civilization place in history and the present day of both Europe and the World, on one axis together. And the second, using the possibility of a wide mutual communication of the *UEW*, it is an edition where the scientists from all over the world can present their research on issues of history, education, culture, international relations, etc.

To some extent, it was achieved, if to analyze the previous publications, for all important professional characteristics. The editorial board members are well-known scholars representing the main scientific and educational institutions of Ukraine and Europe that is professors Yu. Alexeyev, M. Alexiyevets, V. Balyuk, M. Barmak, B. Buyak, V. Bonusyak, S. Vidnyansky, R. Drozd, I. Zulyak, O. Klymenyuk, V. Kravets, A. Kruglashov, A. Kudryachenko, M. Lazarovych, M. Lytvyn, Yu. Makar, P. Myronenko, G. Papakin, G. Perepelytsa, A. Udod, L. Chekalenko, V. Yarovyi, associate professors Yu. Drevnitsky, V. Mysko, and I. Fedoriv.

Among the authors are well-known Ukrainian scholars, foreign researchers, gifted youth, who in the time of publication of the collection of scientific works passes partly to the rank of historians with interesting views, interpretations, as well as its own style. Such a “harmonious balance between the contemporary and future of national science is ... a brand mark of the edition” (UEW, 2018, 21, 198).

The collection of scientific works evolved both in a content, being filled with the headings and subjects, and in a form. All presented photos are original ones as well as it concerns the *UEW* symbol. Scientific papers are accompanied with the information about new interesting and important publications, opinions, and reviews. The headline *Nota Bene* is also topical; it acquaints you with the significant novelties of historical researches in the original language.

The 5th and 16th issues came out in two parts. They, as well as some others, contain dedications. So, Issue 5: to Honour of Professor M. M. Alexiyevets, Issues 6–7: to the 20th Anniversary of the Independence of Ukraine, Issue 9: to Euro-2012, Issue 10: to the 20th Anniversary of the History Department of Ternopil Volodymyr Hnatiuk National Pedagogical University, Issue 13: to the 200th Anniversary of Taras Shevchenko’s birthday, Issue 15: to the 75th Anniversary of Ternopil Volodymyr Hnatiuk National Pedagogical University, Issue 16: to the 1010th anniversary of Dubrovitsa, Issue 17: to the 25th Anniversary of the Independence of Ukraine, Issue 18: to the 150th Anniversary of Mikhaylo Hrushevsky’s birthday, Issue 21: to the 25th Anniversary of the History Department of Ternopil Volodymyr Hnatiuk National Pedagogical University.

The 20th contains greetings to the jubilee issue. Among them, a greeting of the Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs of Ukraine Vasyl Bodnar, who writes about the fact that today is again especially important for Ukraine: the history understanding, the construction of its own historical narrative, the ability to defend it argumentatively and persuasively in the international discourse (UEW, 2017, 20, 17). We will add that the 21st issue presents the extensive professional review of publications dedicated to the first decade of founding, which states that “the edition performs successfully the exclusive function of combining organic, rather than artificial, scientific works on the national History, World history and its various branches, Methodology of History, Historiography and Source Studies” (UEW, 2018, 21, 203).

Many original papers in the collection of scientific works are devoted to the outstanding figures who are known and those who opened or, rather, returned to Ukraine and the world in their true quality for the first time. Like the interesting publications of Omelyan Pritsak, in particular, to whom we come back again and again. We will deliberately name him, a creator of the world Ukrainian Studies, whose 100th anniversary the world community celebrated in April 2019. “Science occupies a central place in the system of culture, as its theoretical basis, the amount of experience, the source of inspiration,” the creator of “the Harvard miracle” mentioned. The famous scientist’s vital credo was a rather ambitious program: “...I would like to give the world

a vision of the history of Ukraine, but not as it was done before, in isolation, but in the system of the world humanitarianism. To bring the Ukrainian revival ... as an international problem on the backdrop of the international history” (Day, 2019, 112-113, 14). As a part of no less ambitious basic tasks, which were determined by the founders of the presented edition in 2008.

Significantly, since the publication of the International Collection of Scientific Works *UEW*, as a whole, so on separate discourse, ideas and meanings of contained works, a number of scientific projects and powerful books have arisen. First of all, the international research project “Ukraine–Europe–World: historical, political and spiritual aspects of development” (*UEW*, 2011, 5, 1, 330–331). Within its framework of implementation are the papers, monographs, defended candidate and doctoral thesis, as well as scientific meetings. The international scientific conferences “Europe–Ukraine–Ternopil Region: International Relations, Cooperation, and Security”, and “Historical Education and Science in Ukraine: Innovations, Challenges, and Prospects” are among the most significant meetings, their materials were published in Issues 19 and 21.

Today, we ascertain that the International Collection of Scientific Works has its Reader, Author, its own place among the historical editions. *UEW* is covered by the following database services: RISC, Index Copernicus, and Google Scholar.

The current Issue, in our opinion, brings closer to the English-speaking Reader. And it is believed that in fact the journal is gaining weight and importance among the ocean of powerful world editions. By the little steps, together, through the scientific knowledge that works for the present and the future.

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