

Necrology

Sever Pop

On February 17, 1961, Sever Pop died in Louvain, as the consequence of a brief but painful illness. Born in Poiana Ilvei Nasaud in Roumania on July 27, 1901, he had worked on the Roumanian Linguistic Atlas but after the war he went to Belgium, where he was active as Professor at the Catholic University.

Sever Pop had been an international scholarly figure of the first rank for the last ten years or so, due to his tremendous success in organizing a powerful group around himself (*Centre International de Dialectologie Générale*); he was able to publish the international journal *Orbis (International Bulletin of Linguistic Documentation*; nine volumes to 1960), an instrument promoting research in linguistics, to set up various other projects such as the *Encyclopédie linguistique*, and to organize the first international congress of general dialectology in Louvain and Brussels, August 24–27, 1960.

He was also interested in onomatology and was a member of the International Committee of Onomastic Sciences.

An orienting sketch about him is: Rodica D. Pop, *Sever Pop, Notice biographique et bibliographique*, Louvain, 1956 (10 pp.). However, an extensive biography and full bibliography will now be a demand of the scholarly world.

Sever Pop had published numerous works and studies, among which the following few may be mentioned: *La dialectologie, Aperçu historique et méthodes d'enquêtes linguistiques*, Louvain, 1950, 2 vols. (1400 pp., 77 plates); *Bibliographie des questionnaires linguistiques*, Louvain, 1955 (167 pp.); *Instituts de Phonétique et Archives phonographiques...*, Louvain, 1956; (with Rodica D. Pop) *Premier répertoire des Instituts et des Sociétés de linguistique du monde...*, Louvain, 1958 (294 pp.); (with Rodica D. Pop) *Atlas linguistiques européens. Première partie: Domaine roman. Répertoire systématique des cartes: A—B* (170 pp., 33 plates).

The scholarly world of linguists owes much to one of their great and best. Αἰώνια αὐτοῦ ἡ μνήμη!

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