

The Central Library of the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences (CL-BAS) presents the exhibition **Petar Beron. 200 Years since the Publication of the Fish Primer** as part of the programme to mark the 155th anniversary of the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences.

The exhibition is based on books property of the Central Library itself and also on archival documents from the "St. St. Cyril and Methodius" National Library and the Scientific Archive of BAS. The books are part of the cultural and historical heritage of Bulgaria and have great significance to both Bulgarians and the world pedagogy community introducing a revolutionary approach to teaching.

The 14 banners of the exhibition feature the first edition of the **Primer with Various Instructions (1824)**, commonly known as the **Fish Primer** because of the whale drawing on the cover, as well as its other known pre-Liberation editions. Special attention is given to the Fish Primer's preface and individual sections, its earliest reviews, any preceding and subsequent books, as well as the first big nationwide observance of its publication 100 years ago. And, of course, several of the banners are dedicated to the enlightening figure of the author – Dr. Petar Beron – a prominent scholar, educator and benefactor during Bulgaria's National Revival. A true pioneer and innovator, he was the first to realise that the European education is paramount for the rapid and successful development of the nascent Bulgarian society.

The exhibition is organised with the support of the Romanian Academy and the First Romanian School Museum, Braşov.

It will be opened during the official visit of the BAS delegation to the Romanian Academy on 17th September 2024 (Tuesday) at 5.00 p.m.

Petar Beron. 200 Years since the Publication of the Fish Primer is on display until 8th October 2024 in the Library of the Romanian Academy, the Glass Globe.