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**CHARITABLE FOUNDATION “HISTORICAL HERITAGE”:
THE HISTORY OF FORMATION AND FUTURE DEVELOPMENT**

This article is devoted to the activities of Charitable Foundation “Historical Heritage“, established in 2005 in Cherkasy region (Ukraine). The purpose of the Foundation is to unite the efforts of historians of Ukraine in promoting the formation of democratic law state, to enhance the role and authority of historical matters in society and state, to promote historical activity, to protect and support scientists-historians, to spread traditions of Ukrainian historical matters, to promote and strengthen international relations of historians.

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The issue of charity was concealed in Ukraine for a long time and the philanthropy itself was considered to be tendentious and prejudiced. However, in recent times the attention to the history of charitable movement has been drawing by historians because charity remains an important aspect of public life and relations between the state and community.

There are a great number of charitable foundations in Ukraine but there was no one in Cherkasy region [12].

The followers of full professor M. I. Bushyn established the Charitable Foundation “Historical Heritage” in order to support history as a science and historians of Cherkasy region. And the founder of it became their Master – M. I. Bushyn.

The opening of the Charitable Foundation “Historical Heritage” took place on December 19, 2005 at Cherkasy State Technological University. This news became quite an event for the local scientific elite [9; 10].

Addressing to his followers while handing certificates of the members of the Charitable Foundation “Historical Heritage” on December 19, 2006 (the day of the first anniversary of the Foundation) Mykola Ivanovych accentuated that first of all his followers had always to remain humane and devoted to the science: “My dear followers! ... At this moment I am overwhelmed with pleasure that I have got such enthusiastic, kind and sympathetic followers! Pleasure which not everyone can feel! Pleasure which inspires to new achievements in science! Pleasure which not all the scientists can boast of! But why? Because they haven’t got such talented, enthusiastic, hard-working followers as I have...”

I consider, apart from the fact that you are scientists, my dear followers, you should be respectable citizens of our Motherland. Without arrogance, contempt for others, without conceit you should help those people who need it...

I’d like to draw your attention to the following: history likes the truth but not empty phrases!

Remember, remember and one more remember it!

Thank you that the Head of the Committee and members of the Charitable Foundation will never admit misunderstanding in giving prizes of the Charitable Foundation.

Get into the habit that you will never have time to relax being a scientist. If you relax everything can come to nothing.

You should always be dissatisfied what has already done in the science and always strive to do more. Then it will be a good job...

The more I live, the more I understand that I have done very little for my Motherland and my people.

My dear followers! We should direct our efforts not to empty phrases, we should make positive contribution into the science... and create kindness and gladness.

We should benefit for the sake of prosperity of our independent state – Ukraine!

I hope all of you will follow these words for the whole life...” [12].

The authors of the article set the goal to acquaint a wide circle of scientists with the activity of the Charitable Foundation “Historical Heritage”, attract colleagues-historians to collaboration and exchange of experience.

Nowadays when our state is passing through the period of its formation the unprejudiced study of historical experience of Ukraine is a burning question. But just at this stage in the conditions of visible destruction of values of the totalitarian regime and formation of new conceptual approaches to the analysis of historical processes and phenomena there is a problem of preventing new conjunctural assessments and wrong trends in scientific researches. At the modern stage of development methodological pluralism must become the main theoretical postulate of historical researches.

The Charitable Foundation “Historical Heritage” (from now on – the Fund) is a local charitable organization established on the principles of legitimacy, humanity, voluntariness, publicity and self-government. The activity of the Fund spreads over the territory of Cherkasy region.

The Founder of the Fund is a Ukrainian scientist-historian, doctor of historical sciences, academician of the Ukrainian Academy of Sciences, full professor Bushyn Mykola Ivanovych [1; 2; 15].

The activity of the Fund is based on the Constitution of Ukraine [16], the Law of Ukraine “On charity and charitable organizations” [3], other legislative acts of Ukraine and the statute [14].

The Fund is a non-profit charitable organization, gets the right of a juridical person in the order established by law, has its independent balance, banking accounts in native currency and foreign exchange, a round seal with its name, ID code and symbols, forms and other requisites.

The Fund has the right to enlist the services of experts in the fields of history of Ukraine, world history, pedagogy, psychology, philology, art, journalism and others to the work at the Fund.

The award of the Prize with handing a memorable distinction of the Fund (a medal table and a breast medal) named after full professor Mykola Ivanovych Bushyn is a collective recognition of a personal merit of a scientist in the development of science and education. Apart from the official recognition of the scientific achievements of a scientist, his personal contribution into the preparation of the scientific staff, the award of the Prize named after full professor Mykola Ivanovych Bushyn has a goal to encourage scientists-historians to the fruitful activity for the betterment of Ukraine and direct their attention to the rational usage of the experience of the older generation.

The decision on awarding the Prize of the Fund is taken by the Committee and enters into force from the moment of its approval by the Head of the Committee. The Prize named after full professor Mykola Ivanovych Bushyn is awarded by the Committee for the prominent contribution into the historical science [14].

The Prize named after full professor Mykola Ivanovych Bushyn is awarded to one scientist-historian once a year on the 10th of March. The first Prize named after full professor Mykola Ivanovych Bushyn was handed in the year of his 70th jubilee in 2008. Currently the size of the Prize is 10 thousand hryvnias [8; 13]. Also the prize-winner is handed a diploma, a silver breast medal and a silver medal table. The weight of the breast medal is 20 grams and the weight of a medal table is 50 grams.

The candidates on awarding the Prize named after full professor Mykola Ivanovych Bushyn are brought forward annually by Scientific Boards of educational establishments up to the 1st of January. The offers must have a detailed character and be confirmed by documents (the materials are given in written form).

The decision on awarding the Prize named after full professor Mykola Ivanovych Bushyn is taken by secret ballot and is considered to be passed if 80% members of the Committee voted for her/him.

The reasons for proposing the candidates on awarding the Prize named after full professor Mykola Ivanovych Bushyn can be such achievements of scientists in the sphere of the history of Ukraine as:

- textbooks, text editions and other scientific or educational literature labeled by the Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine (the MES of Ukraine), educational and/or scientific bodies and departments of other countries including written scientific or educational literature in foreign languages;
- scientific articles, published only in professional editions (not less than ten) on one scientific issue;
- monographs and/or other scientific works;
- training the scientific staff of top qualification (doctors and candidates of sciences);
- making auteur films, or participation as academic advisers in making documentary films, chronicles and feature films on history [14].

At the first stage the members of the Committee on awarding the Prize named after full professor Mykola Ivanovych Bushyn are only the people who under the

guidance of full professor Mykola Ivanovych Bushyn took the science degree and did not dishonor the name of the scientist and also colleagues who work (worked) with him at the Department of the History of Ukraine of Cherkasy State Technological University.

The Committee on awarding the Prize named after full professor Mykola Ivanovych Bushyn approves “Regulations on the Prize named after full professor Mykola Ivanovych Bushyn” [11] on awarding the Prize at the meeting of the Committee of the Fund.

Those people who took the science degree under the guidance of Mykola Ivanovych Bushyn and dishonored the name of the scientist cannot be recommended for awarding the Prize.

If the financial situation of the Committee on awarding the Prize named after full professor Mykola Ivanovych Bushyn meets all the requirements, it is planning to raise a question to the Cabinet of the Ministries of Ukraine on introducing this Prize at the domestic level.

The goal of the Fund is the integration of the efforts of all historians of Ukraine in the assistance of the formation of the democratic law-governed state, the increase of the role and prestige of the historical science in the society and state, the assistance of the development of historical activity, protection and support of the scientists-historians, spreading the traditions of the Ukrainian historical science, the assistance of the development and improvement of the international scientific ties of historians.

The tasks of the Fund are the following:

- to assist the development of democratic principles of the activity of historical science, the improvement of its organizational structure, the increase of the prestige of a profession, creating appropriate conditions for the active professional and public activities, introduction of scientific and technical means to their work;
- to submit offers to the authorities;
- to ensure protection of legitimate interests and support of scientists-historians;
- to assist the heightening qualification and exchange of the experience of historians, to study and generalize the practice of the historical science, to provide scientists-historians with executive acts and standards, specifications and guidelines, methodical literature;
- to develop and spread the standards of professional ethics;
- to assist the scientific development of questions and also the removal of faults connected with the activity of historians;
- to cooperate with Institute of History of Ukraine of National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine;
- to reward with special prizes for the prominent contribution into the development of the history of Ukraine;

- to develop international ties, exchange of professional experience, cooperation with different international organizations.

For the accomplishment of the statutory tasks the Fund:

- organizes scientific conferences, scientific and methodical work, exchange of the experience of work of historians;
- has press and other informational organs of the Fund, is engaged in publishing;
- studies historical experience of other countries and develops different forms of international ties;
- establishes rewards and rewards scientists-historians for their active work, due course of law submits offers concerning awarding scientists-historians with state rewards, honorary status;
- has the right to be engaged into necessary economical and other commercial (including external economic) activities by means of creating cost accounting bodies, organizations by the status of legal bodies, establishing enterprises, educational establishments and also the maintenance of healthy and other public amenities.

The Fund works for charitable causes according to the Article 16 of the Law of Ukraine “On Charity and charitable organizations” [3].

For the purpose of charity the Fund has the right:

- to deal with problems concerning charitable assistance independently, to use earmarked donations which are given by benefactors for the accomplishment of a charitable program according to the conditions of this donation;
- according to the laws of Ukraine to establish its departments, affiliated branches, agencies;
- to unite into unions, associations and other societies which are established on a voluntary basis and assist to perform statutory tasks;
- to exchange information with professionals of the appropriate organizations from foreign countries;
- to organize collecting of charitable donations and contributions from physical and juridical persons, foreign states and international organizations;
- to determine forms, objects, subjects and amounts of charitable assistance constantly;
- to open accounts in national currency and foreign exchange in banking institutions;
- to establish media organizations, enterprises and organizations, to be engaged in publishing;
- to be the member of other charitable organizations;
- to have its own symbols which are subjected to the state registration according to the order determined by the Law of Ukraine “On associations of citizens” [4] for the registration of symbols of associations of citizens;
- to protect its own interests and legal interests of citizens in state and public organizations;

- to popularize its name, symbols;
- to have other rights according to the laws of Ukraine.

According to the concluded agreements the Fund has the right to perform any civil and legal commitments if it is not inconsistent with the regulations of this Statute and current legislation.

The verification of the activity of the Fund including the order of its use of properties and funds which are set for charitable assistance is accomplished by the bodies of executive power according to their responsibilities. The founder and employees of the Fund have no rights to get financial advantages and additional costs because of their status in this Fund.

The highest organ of governance of the Fund is the meeting.

The exclusive competence of the meeting of the Fund includes:

- approval of the Statute of the Fund;
- making amendments and supplements to it;
- approval the executive and monitoring bodies;
- approval charitable programs;
- determination main fields of concern of the Fund;
- taking decisions on reorganization and liquidation of the Fund.

The executive body of the Fund is the Committee. The Committee consists of only the people who under the guidance of Mykola Ivanovych Bushyn took the science degree and did not dishonor his name and also his colleagues and followers. The members of the Committee can be changed in case of quitting. The election of a new member takes place at the meeting of the Committee by secret voting. The member of the Committee can be dismissed for the activity which contradicts the principles of the Fund. 2/3 members of the Committee have to vote for it [14].

The Committee solves the following questions:

- decisions on awarding the Prize and the medal named after full professor Mykola Ivanovych Bushyn;
- approval “the Regulations on the Prize named after full professor Mykola Ivanovych Bushyn” [11];
- approval plans of its activity for a year and completion reports;
- establishment of affiliated branches, departments, Fund’s agencies, approval of their regulations;
- approval of symbols;
- taking decisions on entering unions, associations and other societies;
- taking decisions on establishing media organizations;
- taking decisions on bringing to financial responsibility of the officials of the Fund;
- approval the rules of procedure and other internal documents of the Fund, determination of its organizational structure;
- approval of annual results of the activity of the Fund.

The competence of the Committee includes all the matters concerning the activity of the Fund except those ones which according to the Statute belong to the competence of the highest organ of governance of the Fund.

The Committee of the Fund holds its meetings once half a year and extraordinary ones are held if it is necessary.

The work of the Committee is governed by the Head of the Committee. The decisions of the Committee of the Fund are taken by plain majority of votes. The Head of the Committee, his deputies and the secretary are elected at the meeting of the Committee of the Fund.

The Head of the Committee without a warrant represents and protects interests of the Fund in state bodies, establishments and organizations.

The Head of the Committee accepts and dismisses the employees of the Fund, gives orders on reward and bringing to financial and disciplinary responsibilities, performs other functions according to the statutory activity of the Fund.

The responsibilities of the secretary of the Committee of the Fund include: documentation maintenance of the Fund (minutes of meetings of the Committee, sessions, extended meetings and so on); preparation of documents for handing prizes and medals of the Fund (a memorable medal table and a memorable breast medal).

The sources of forming property and resources of the Fund are:

- contributions of the Founder and other benefactors;
- charitable donations and contributions which are purpose-oriented (charitable grants), given by physical and juridical persons in cash and in kind;
- incomings from carrying out charitable companies on collecting charitable donations, charitable public events, charitable lotteries and charitable auctions on selling property and donations from benefactors;
- incomes from deposits and financial credit documents;
- donations from foreign benefactors and charitable organizations;
- other incomings not forbidden by current laws.

From the banking account of the Fund money can be withdrawn by nobody (neither relatives nor members of the Committee). These financial resources and other resources which came into the account of the Fund are the untouched deposit and are passed to its account (deposit). The account is only loaded. For the Prizes and other expenses only counted interest from the total amount which is on the account is spent.

The sum which is on the account must not decrease by paying the Prize of the Fund.

Money is paid to the winner by bank upon availability of the appropriate documents from the Committee of the Fund on awarding the Prize named after full professor Mykola Ivanovych Bushyn.

The Fund if it exists only on charitable donations exempts from taxes and other payments to the budget and special funds due course of law.

The Fund gets the right to property for money and other possessions given it by the Founder or the state, physical and juridical persons of Ukraine and foreign countries and also for the property purchased at its own cost or on other grounds not forbidden by the current laws.

The source of forming property and financial resources of the charitable foundation cannot be credits. The property and financial resources of the charitable foundation cannot be the object of deposit.

The property of the Fund can be used exclusively purpose-oriented that is in accordance with the goals of the Fund determined by the Statute. The Fund has no right to spend its money and/or uses its property for support of political parties (movements, campaigns and so on).

The Fund has the right for property and money got as a result of economic or other commercial activities, established by the Fund cost accounting subunits, organizations, enterprises.

Money and property of the Fund are used for the achievement of goals and tasks provided by the Statute.

The Fund, subunits, enterprises and organizations established by it maintain bookkeeping and statistical accounting and reporting, register in the State Administration of Taxation bodies and deposit payments in order and sizes as required by the law.

Periodically but not less than once a year the Funds full reports about the sources of attraction financial resources (property) for charitable activities and about the ways of their usage and also about giving such reports to any benefactors of such charitable organizations by their inquires.

The Fund realizes economical activity which refers to the accomplishment of its statutory goals and tasks.

The Fund registers on separate banking accounts financial resources for economical and charitable activities both in national currency and foreign exchange.

The financial activity of the Fund refers to the charity; it does not consider to be enterprising or any other profitable activity.

Incomings to the Fund from financial activity are directed exclusively to the charity and provision of the economical activity in the sizes and the order prescribed by the Law of Ukraine “On charity and charitable organizations”.

Besides, the Fund took care of and supported pupils who were keen on the history of Ukraine. So, under the protection of the Charitable Foundation “Historical Heritage” in the 2007–2008 school year the First regional competition on the history of Ukraine among the pupils of the 11th forms was established. Such competition was carried out three times.

The goal of the competition was to increase the role, authority and prestige of the historical science among pupils, bring up respectful attitude to the native history, culture and traditions of the Ukrainian.

The Charitable Foundation “Historical Heritage” determined the size of the reward for the winners of the regional competition on the history of Ukraine: for the first place – 500 hryvnyas; for the second – 300 hryvnyas; for the third – 200 hryv-

nyas. Nowadays because of financial difficulties the carrying out of this competition is temporary stopped.

So, the charity does not depend on political situation, material security or social standing. Charity is not a duty. Charity is the state of mind [5; 7; 16].

The study of the charitable activity of the Foundation “Historical Heritage” has a substantial significance for bringing up the better patriotic traditions of patronage and social and charitable activity among modern Ukrainian philanthropists.

The members of the Charitable Foundation “Historical Heritage” are sure that charity is the state of mind and the need of heart. Charity must be the deed which always needs the initiative and only then finances. For some people it is an integral part of belief, but for others – natural need. Nevertheless charity is donation, the biggest expression of humanity, the state of mind but not populism.

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**БЛАГОДІЙНИЙ ФОНД «ІСТОРИЧНА СПАДЩИНА»:
ІСТОРІЯ СТАНОВЛЕННЯ ТА ПЕРСПЕКТИВИ РОЗВИТКУ**

Стаття присвячена діяльності Благодійного фонду «Історична спадщина», створеного в 2005 році в Черкаській області (Україна). Метою Фонду є об'єднання зусиль істориків України у сприянні формуванню демократичної правової держави, підвищення ролі й авторитету історичної справи в суспільстві й державі, сприяння розвитку історичної діяльності, захист і підтримка вчених-істориків, поширення традицій української історичної справи, сприяння розвитку і поглибленню міжнародних зв'язків істориків.

Ключові слова: *благодійність, фонд, історія, премія, підтримка, вчений.*

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**БЛАГОТВОРИТЕЛЬНЫЙ ФОНД «ИСТОРИЧЕСКОЕ НАСЛЕДИЕ»:
ИСТОРИЯ СТАНОВЛЕНИЯ И ПЕРСПЕКТИВЫ РАЗВИТИЯ**

Данная статья посвящена деятельности Благотворительного фонда «Историческое наследие», созданного в 2005 году в Черкасской области (Украина). Целью Фонда является объединение усилий историков Украины в содействии формированию демократического правового государства, повышение роли и авторитета исторического наследия в обществе и государстве, содействие развитию исторической деятельности, защита и поддержка ученых-историков, распространение традиций украинской истории, содействие развитию и углублению международных связей историков.

Ключевые слова: *благотворительность, фонд, история, премия, поддержка, ученый.*