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**Plamen Bozhinov****A PRAISEWORTHY ANNIVERSARY: PROFESSOR SCD NIKOLAY  
ZHECHEV NIKOLOV IS 90 YEARS OLD**

(Summary)

Anniversaries have always been a good occasion to look back in time and take stock of what we have done, and what is left unfinished. However, when the Jubilee has ninety years of life experience behind him, of which more than sixty have been devoted to historical science, with dozens of books and hundreds of articles and studies published, the balance is truly full-blooded and the anniversary worthy of note. Prof. Nikolay Zhechev, who is referred to in this article, is undoubtedly a deserving, dignified but humble scientist who does not like when people make a lot of noise about his name and thus place him in the spotlights. However, his numerous historiographical works and his significant contributions in various fields of the history of the Bulgarian National Revival oblige us to briefly dwell on what he has done. The article chronologically traces the key moments in his life, his scientific career, and the major thematic circles in which he works. It also draws attention to Zhechev's major contributions to the research of the history of the settlement of Bulgarians north of the Danube River and their cultural and political activities. The article also notes his writings on the literary, spiritual and educational activities of Bulgarians from the period of our National Revival, as well as on their revolutionary-political deeds for national liberation.