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**THE PLOVDIV INTERNATIONAL FAIR IN THE PERIOD 1944-1989:
DOCUMENTARY AND HISTORIOGRAPHICAL EVIDENCE**

(Summary)

The article attempts at presenting in depth the source and historiographical basis for the history of the Plovdiv International Fair in the period 1944-1989. Documentary evidence from the archival heritage of the trade forum in local and central archives has been examined. Their informational content is analysed in accordance with the specific features of the period under consideration, as well as in view of the tasks of foreign trade, economic and foreign policy of Bulgaria at that time. The content of all primary sources related to the history of the fair is evaluated in accordance with the political and social attitudes of the time in which they were written. The article also presents a variety of secondary sources on the history of the Plovdiv International Fair in the period 1944-1989. Their nature and significance for historical knowledge on the subject is established. The aim is to determine the informational potential of primary and secondary sources on the topic, and thereby to outline the challenges faced by the researcher when dealing with different sources of information.

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