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DISEASES AND RELEVANT FOLK REMEDIES (ACCORDING TO MATERIALS FROM UPPER ADJARA REGION)

In July 2010 we recorded interesting materials in village Didadjara during the ethnographic fieldtrip of students from History Department of Kutaisi Akaki Tsereteli State University. Special attention has been attracted to the rules of preparation and the use of folk remedies. The obtained material fully meets the requirements of the study of spell casting as well as healing incantation and folk remedies: 1) place and time of origin of a spell casting; 2) the way of spreading spells; 3) degree of national and local elements in spell casting, healing incantation and folk remedies; 4) synthesis of Christian and pagan views in spells and folk remedies. Folk remedies “passed to heirs or trustworthy relatives” are not limited to one village in Upper Adjara region. From this point of view, the detailed study of materials obtained in the region will provide us with more information widening the knowledge about diseases and their relevant folk remedies.