

## **MATERIALS FOR THE DICTIONARY OF MEGRELIAN –III**

### **ABSTRACT**

The dialect vocabulary of Megrelian is recorded and systematized in various dictionaries (I. Kipshidze 1914; P. Charaia 1994; G. Eliava 1997; O. Kajaia 2001-2002, 2009; A. Kobalia 2010, and others). The materials of Megrelian dictionary are also discussed in the works of D. Pipia, B. Kilanava, I. Kekelia and others. Dialect materials are immense, therefore, their recording is a never-ending process. Besides, a dialect and speech in general, constantly change: on the one hand, some lexical units disappear and, on the other hand, new ones emerge that require documentation.

Human speech, and the materials recorded at different times in various parts of Samegrelo and kept at the Scientific-Research Center for Kartvelology affiliated to Akaki Tsereteli State University contain such wordforms, phraseological expressions and morphological elements that failed to be reflected or have been attested with a modified form or a semantic nuance in published Megrelian dictionaries or scholarly works.

For clarity, we have divided the collected new dialect materials into several groups:

- .1 Words that are not attested in published Megrelian dictionaries;
- .2 wordforms that occur in modified forms;
- .3 wordforms that are attested with different semantic content;
- .4 phraseological expressions;
- .5 lexical units of Russian origin.

We believe, for the purposes of expanding and improving the Dictionary of Megrelian, gathering dialect materials is crucial.

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