

# BULGARIAN ACADEMY OF SCIENCES

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## GENERAL ASSEMBLY

On **March 23, 2010**, at 9.00 A.M., the **twenty-seventh** session of the fifth General Assembly of the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences convened on the strength of paragraph 3 of the Transitional and Final Provisions and in pursuance of the Law on Bulgarian Academy of Sciences.

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**Objects of activity of the Institute for Study of Societies and Knowledge are:**

**Mission:** The Institute performs philosophical, sociological, and interdisciplinary analyses of a fundamental and applied nature. It enhances understanding of the transformations of societies, groups, and social actors against the backdrop of the large-scale insecurity and risks characteristic of the globalizing world; it ascertains trends and builds theoretical models and prognoses. It provides the grounds for concrete policies for the development of Bulgarian society, for values systems, for the generation and functioning of knowledge in Bulgarian and other contemporary societies.

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After the discussion and the vote, in which were cast 88 “yes” votes, 8 “no” votes, and 7 “abstentions”, the GA of BAS took the following decision:

**“It transforms the Institute for Philosophical Research, the Institute of Sociology, and the Centre for Science Studies and History of Science by merging, and creates as their universal assignee an Institute the name of which will be specified at the following session of the General Assembly.”**

At the 38<sup>th</sup> session of the GA of BAS, held on June 14, 2010, on Point One of the agenda, after conducting a discussion regarding the name of the institute assignee of the Institute for Philosophical Research, the Institute of Sociology, and the Centre for Science Studies and History of Science, the GA of BAS voted (73 “yes” votes, 11 “no” votes, and 12 “abstentions”) and took the following decision:

**“It transforms the Institute for Philosophical Research, the Institute of Sociology, and the Centre for Science Studies and History of Science by merging and creates as their universal assignee the Institute for the Study of Societies and Knowledge, with the following seat and head office address: Sofia 1000, 13A Moskovska Street, and with the objects of activity indicated above.”**

**By 73 “yes” votes, the proposal is passed.**

Chairman of 5<sup>th</sup> GA of BAS:

signature

/corresponding member S. Vodenicharov/

The newly created Institute for the Study of Societies and Knowledge unites the research potential of three former institutes of the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences: the Institute for Philosophical Research, the Institute of Sociology, and the Centre for Science Studies and History of Science. This is a new scientific research structure with a much more significant scientific and social mission and with a research potential that permits: conducting large-scale research activities for the study of the social processes and dynamics of social interaction, effectuating social diagnostic and developing social policies, conducting methodological and general theoretical studies, developing explanatory theories for processes and events in Bulgarian society. The new institute will direct its efforts for achieving effective integration with the European research area by establishing lasting partnerships with leading European research centres and pursuing a scientific policy that meets the criteria for modern research expertise.