## Newsletter No. 2, August 19, 2000, Karlovo, Bulgaria STAROSEL TEMPLE-TOMB

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## Kitov's discoveries in the last decades

You can see on http://members.xoom.com/thrace/tombs\_main3.htm photos of excavated tombs in Kazanluk area. It includes several temple-tombs dated from the end of the fifth and from the fourth century BC. In fact, first temple-tomb discovered by Dr. G. Kitov (the Head of the Section of Thracian Archaeology at Archaeological Institute and Museum – Sofia) was that of Strelcha in the Sushtinska Sredna Gora Mountains. After those excavations, for a long period he had excavated in North Bulgaria, Lovech District, where among his important excavation it was the only completely excavated Early Bronze tumulus cemetery in the Balkans, that of Goran-Slatina. The excavations of Thracian tombs includes also that of Ravnogor Dome-tombs in the Rhodope Mountains. But Starosel is his greatest discovery. It opens a new page in the investigation of the Thracian culture.

## News from the Temple-Tomb of Starosel

- On August 15 the grandiose entry was completely cleaned. The view is magnificent and unforgettable!
- On August 16 the first readers of the "Ancient Secrets Unearthed in the Heart of the Balkans" by L. Nikolova and G. Kitov were those who had visited the tomb. There were Bulgarian National TV and Karlovo cable TV by the promotion of the first official communication of the temple-tomb, including also information of the excavations of EB Dubene-Sarovka settlement in 2000.

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The newsletter includes three pictures of Starosel Temple-Tomb took on August 16

The team at Starosel needs sponsors to finish the excavations!