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CHALLENGES OF REGIONAL LITERATURE STUDY IN MODERN SCIENCE

Various forms of literary links and typological observations became the subject of comparative literary studies long ago. Focusing on certain phenomena repeatedly occurring in different national literatures enables researchers to identify some common features and certain regularities of interethnic nature. «Comparison, i.e. establishment of similarities and differences between historical phenomena and explanation of the latter appears to be an integral part of any historical research. The prominent comparatist V.M. Zhirmunsky wrote, «Comparison would not destroy specifics of a phenomenon under study (individual, national, historical); moreover, it is only through comparison, i.e. identification of similarities and differences, one can determine the specifics» [1,177].

Researchers' efforts are currently focused on regularities and trends in development of different national literatures, including identification of the universal, pan-human and unique in the artistic picture of the world. Though unique, original, independent and inimitable, each ethnos exists in a continuous dialogue with the others. The dialogue between ethnoses, between cultures and literatures is predetermined by human nature itself which is mirrored in the literary process.

Studying regional literature, with its wide range of identifications, its own axiology and anthropology, etc. is regarded as an important research area. Literary regions are perceived as «cultural nests» characterized by a special local mentality and a versatile territorial, national

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