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SOCIOLINGUISTIC EXPEDITION TO THE VILLAGE OF UST-URKIMA, AMUR REGION

Abstract

In October 2018, the staff of the Department of Foreign Languages of the Amur State University organized a scientific linguistic expedition to the village of Ust-Urkima of Tynda district of the Amur Region with the purpose to collect sound recordings of spontaneous Evenki speech and to collect data on the speakers of the Dzheltulak local accent of the Evenki language. Recording of spontaneous speech of the speakers of the Dzheltulak dialect of the Evenki language has not been performed before. The sociolinguistic situation in the village of Ust-Urkima is described. In this paper, we also report the results of the pilot study of oral speech produced by one of very few native speakers of the Dzheltulak local accent who are still fluent in their ethnic tongue. Frequency and peculiarities of Russian insertions into Evenki speech are demonstrated.

Keywords: scientific linguistic expedition, Ust-Urkima, Dzheltulak dialect, the Evenki language, the collection of sound recordings, spontaneous speech.

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