Modern Research of Geolinguistics in Lithuania: the Optimisation of the Network

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The aim of the research:
1) to collect and to publish new materials from all central and peripheral Lithuanian dialects;
2) to specify the boundaries of dialects and subdialects of Lithuanian language;
3) to collect the most important sociolinguistic data from all the area of Lithuanian language and carry out initial analysis of the data
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Expected results:
1) Optimised atlas points and compiled computer database of the points (750: 735 in Lithuania and 15 outside its territory).
2) Developed database of dialectal audiorecordings (5,400 hours; 6 interviewees x 1.5 hours each in every existing point).
3) Completed sociolinguistic database (number of completed questionnaires 3,600).
4) Initial processing of dialectal data and map cartography (14 maps and their commentaries).
5) Preparation of material for press and publication (60 aut. l.)
Objectives of the research:
1) perform examination of all 735 points in Lithuania and 15 points abroad (identify extinct and register new ones);
2) optimise the network of points for further research;
3) develop methods of sociolinguistic and geolinguistic research of dialects;
4) from the optimised network of points, collect pilot, digital and audio recordings (at least 6 recordings of 1.5 hours from every point)
5) compile archive of digital recordings of Lithuanian dialects of the beginning of the 21st century based on the recordings, carry out an initial phonetic analysis that would enable

- to specify boundaries of dialects and subdialects;
- perform initial analysis of sociolinguistic and geolinguistic dialectal data;
- based on the results, prepare and publish an atlas *Dialects of Lithuanian Language in Early 21st Century: Geolinguistic and Sociolinguistic Research (Maps and Comments)*;
- compile a new interactive map of Lithuanian dialects (with specified boundaries of dialects and subdialects).
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