UDC 012:821.161.2.09

**FRANKO STUDIES IN THE SCIENTIFIC HERITAGE
OF MYROSLAV BUTRYN**

**O. C. Levytska**

*Ukrainian Academy of Printing,*

*19, Pid Holoskom St., Lviv, 79020, Ukraine*

*oksana\_levytska@ukr.net*

***Research Methodology.*** *A review of publications written by a famous scientist and bibliographer Myroslav Butryn that were dedicated to Ivan Franko**has been done based on bibliographic and historiographic methods.*

***Results.*** *The main trends of M. Butryn’s research dedicated to Ivan Franko have been reviewed, the major stages of bibliographic work have been established, and his contribution to the development of I. Franko’s bibliography has been determined. This article is accompanied by a bibliographic list of the publications of Franko studies by M. Butryn.*

***Novelty.*** *Myroslav**Butryn’s bibliographic work dedicated to the Franko studies has been holistically represented for the first time and distinguished among his other bibliographic work. The gradual establishment of the Franko studies methodology on the basis of Butryn’s bibliographic and scientific research has been observed. The main aspects of Butryn’s scientific interests in the figure of Ivan Franko, in particular his literary, publishing, and library activity have been discovered, as well as the systematization of the research about Franko published during 1966-1998 has been created.*

***Practical Significance.*** *The article proves that M. Butryn’s Franko studies research has significantly contributed to the Ukrainian studies of Ivan Franko and has developed a methodology for bibliographing. This review aims to draw the attention of the Franko studies to Butryn’s personality as a bibliographer and his contribution to the Ukrainian Franko studies. In the future, the annotated index of M. Butryn’s bibliographic Franko studies should be available in both printed and electronic versions.*