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FORMING THE THEZAURUS OF SPORTS TOURISM GEOGRAPHY

The purpose of the study is to analyze the process of forming the thesaurus of sports tourism geography as a set of scientific terms, categories, concepts about spatial aspects of sports tourism, which represent its theoretical (conceptual) design.

Methodology. A multilateral, simultaneous analysis of the research object which takes into account the geosystem, cluster and geospatial paradigms, and a number of propositions of modern theoretical and methodological interdisciplinary models of tourism research has been

put into practice to study sports tourism. Apart from this, it has been taken into consideration that a powerful resource paradigm has been formed in tourism geography. As a result, the author has put forward a space-resource approach as the main methodological approach to the study of the geospatial organization of sport tourism.

Results. Forming the thesaurus of sports tourism geography is a certain result of the socio-geographical study of the geospatial organization of this phenomenon of modern times. The contents of the thesaurus of sports tourism geography has been determined by the following key concepts: defining the notions of "tourism", "sports tourism", "sports tourism geography" → methodology → paradigms → conceptual and terminological frameworks → reference dictionary. The result of the formation of the thesaurus of sports tourism geography was the creation of an explanatory reference dictionary that contains almost 1,900 terms, 1,600 articles on sports tourism geography, tourismology, systematization of sports tourism, active recreation, and tourism-sports practice.

Scientific novelty. Improvement of the theoretical and methodological frameworks of tourism geography in general and of its component - sports tourism geography, in particular, the enhancement of their subject-object sphere and the pursuance of the applied research on an updated basis.

Practical significance. Theoretical and practical developments in the system of sports tourism can be useful in those types of tourism that have been singled out lately and have similar goals, the nature of activity, etc.

Key words: sports tourism, sports tourism geography, thesaurus, methodology, paradigm.

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