

## Summary

Discussed in this paper is the SE Serbian hydrographic term *ivora*, dem. *ivorka* ‘funnel-shaped recess in a rock, where rainwater is collected’ along with the synonymous *iver*, dem. *iverec* in the neighbouring West Bulgarian vernaculars. Since in the adjoining region of Vranje the term for the same thing is *vir*, a derivative from Common Slavic *\*vbrěti*, it seems probable that *ivor-/iver-* also derives from that verbal root. Its *i-* could be explained as a dissimilatory variant, before *v*, of Common Slavic prefix *\*vy-*, cf. Czech *vy-věratí* ‘to spring, to well’, and, with the isofunctional *\*jъz-*, Serb. *iz-vor* ‘spring, well, source’.