

An Official Celebration of the 70th Anniversary of Academician Blagovest Sendov ¹

On 8th of February in the Big Hall of the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences (BAS) a solemn jubilee session on the occasion of the 70th anniversary of Acad. Bl. Sendov was held. The event was attended by heads of BAS research institutions, representatives of national universities, members of the Union of Bulgarian Mathematicians, academicians and corresponding members of the Academy, friends, students and admirers of the scholar's talent.

The jubilee ceremony was opened by Prof. Dr. Stefan Dodunekov - Chairman of the Union of Bulgarian Mathematicians and Director of the Institute of Mathematics and Informatics - BAS. A speech on the creative work of Acad. Sendov was delivered by Acad. Borislav Boyanov. The President of BAS, Acad. Ivan Yuhnovsky, decorated Acad. Sendov with a special award - the Academy's badge of honour "Marin Drinov" on a ribbon. This highest distinction was awarded to the outstanding Bulgarian scholar for his exceptional academic merits and personal contributions to the development of mathematical science in Bulgaria.

The hero of the jubilee received congratulatory addresses by the Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski", by the Ministry of Education and Science, the Department of Natural and Mathematical Sciences, by Patriarch Maxim, by the Union of Bulgarian Mathematicians, the Union of Bulgarian Physicists, the Center of Agrarian Sciences, by the "Nayden Gerov" Society of Bulgarian teachers and postgraduates in Russia and CIS, by the Federation of Science and Technique Unions in Bulgaria, the mayor of Plovdiv, by the National Council of the Movement for Development and Protection of Higher Education in Bulgaria. (Below we cite excerpts of these addresses.)

¹The Editorial Board of "Mathematica Balkanica" acknowledge that these materials were originally published in Bulgarian, in the "Journal of the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences" ("Spisanie na BAN"), tom CXV, No 2 (2002), pp. 59-64.

*

**A Congratulatory Address by Mr. Georgi Parvanov
- President of the Republic of Bulgaria**

Dear Mr. Sendov,

Allow me in your anniversary day to address the person, the scholar, the politician and the Bulgarian Blagovest Sendov with the best wishes for health, high spirit and even more greater successes.

Your long brilliant career of a man of science received deservedly world recognition and produced an authentic Bulgarian school in many branches of mathematics. It inspired self-confidence in your colleagues and brought world renown to the contemporary Bulgarian mathematics.

Your encouragement and care for the young generation of Bulgarian scholars in a most natural way conferred on your followers the honorary title "Academician Sendov's disciple". The title is much more valuable than the official academic titles.

In the period, when you headed the Sofia University and the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences you won recognition as a manager and leader with considerable contribution to the world of our academic institutions and the International Association of Universities, whose honorary president you has been for more than 15 years.

I am happy to remind that thanks to your active participation and your international contacts Bulgaria was admitted as a full-fledged member of the world academic family more than 20 years ago.

Dear Academician Sendov,

Your participation in the present political life of Bulgaria outlines you as a brilliant and strong personality, capable of assuming responsibilities in crisis situations of social development. You were not spared attacks of slander and hatred, but no one better than you has demonstrated an ability to uphold a civic position of his own, his personal risky opinion and all that was widely acknowledged and appreciated by our society.

In the day of your anniversary I would like to express my personal gratitude not only for the cooperation between us, but also for your presence in the socio-political life of Bulgaria. It helps elevate and dignify our political morals, which is possible only for a spiritually rich man, endowed with wisdom, experience and a splendid sense of humor.

Once again I wish health, joy and success to you, your magnificent wife - Mrs. Sendova, to all your friends and relatives. And let us hope there would not be a problem, which could escape your solution!

*Georgi Parvanov,
President of the Republic of Bulgaria*

**

Comments on Occasion of Academician Sendov's Anniversary ...

... Your contribution to the development of Bulgarian and world science is universally acknowledged ...

*I. I. Mel'nikov,
Chairman of Committee on Education and Science
of the Russian State Duma*

... Your whole life path is an example for dedicated service to your Fatherland, adherence to humanistic values, consistency and staunchness in pursuing the planned objectives ...

*V. Konoplev,
Vice-Chairman of the Chamber of Representatives
of the National Assembly of Belarus*

... Your erudition, inexhaustible energy, enviable working capacity overwhelm imagination, and your high human qualities, acknowledged by everyone, who has had the pleasure of communicating with you - all this is the finest example to be followed.

*Al. Petrov,
Ambassador of the Republic of Belarus*

... We are proud that you embarked on your academic highway of life as a researcher at our laboratory. Many pupils of yours gave their contribution to the development of our scientific studies in the field of computer knowledge ...

*I. V. Puzinin and others,
Laboratory of Information Technologies, Dubna - Russia*

Your skill in linking academic with public activity is a continuation of a noble tradition, dating back from Archimedes and Leibnitz. I am proud to belong to the Bulgarian Academic school; you are one of its brightest representatives and I am really glad, that today we jointly work for the Euro-Atlantic priorities of Bulgaria ...

*Dr. Solomon Passi,
Minister of Foreign Affairs of Bulgaria*

... With your creative enthusiasm, academic diligence and parliamentary industriousness you traced your own path in the science and life of our people ...

*Prof. Dr. Vl. Atanasov,
Minister of Education and Science of Bulgaria*

...I would not dwell on your remarkable successes as a scientist and public figure, which are widely known. But I would like to stress that I highly value your accomplishments as Rector of the Sofia University and President of the BAS. They contribute immensely to the progress of our science and culture ...

Acad. R. Kaishev, Member of BAS

... With your scientific work and high international recognition you helped to inscribe the name of Bulgaria in prestigious international fora as a country with a highly developed scientific potential, contributing to the development of mankind ...

*Acad. Tzv. Tzvetkov,
President of the National Center for Agrarian Sciences*

... A large part of your studies is continued by your pupils and other scholars here and abroad. You may be deservedly proud of the school you created in "Hausdorff Approximations" ...

*Acad. T. Nikolov,
President of the Section of Physical and Mathematical Sciences - BAS*

... We highly value your professional experience of scientist and public figure, with a tremendous contribution in the development of computer industry and high technologies ...

*Acad. V. Sugarev,
President of the Federation of Science-Technical Unions*

... You have exceptional merits for elevating the standards of lecturing at the University to the level of the leading European universities. You considerably expanded the international links of the Sofia University and the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences. It was on your personal initiative and under your leadership that a modern system for science financing was introduced in Bulgaria. Thanks to it fundamental research received a powerful impetus in 1980's ...

*Prof. M. Mateev,
President of the Union of Bulgarian Physicists*