

BULGARIA: "OUR FOOTPRINT IN THE WORLD"



BULGARIA is one of the oldest European countries and is the only one that hasn't changed its name ever since it was founded.

FIRST SLAVIANIC ALPHABET CREATED BY CYRIL AND METHODIEUS

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The Bulgarians were the first people to use the **CYRILLIC** alphabet immediately after the inception in the IX century.

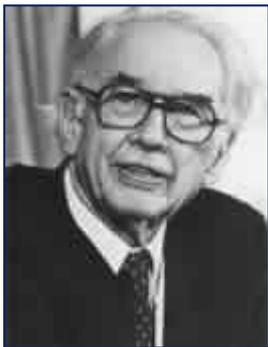
Today the Cyrillic alphabet is the third official alphabet of the EU.



According to the statistics, **BULGARIA** ranks third in Europe only after Greece and Italy for the number of its valuable archeological monuments.



THE OLDEST GOLDEN TREASURE in the world was found in **BULGARIA** (in 294 graves were discovered more than 3000 golden objects dating back 6000 years.)



PROTOTYPE OF THE MODERN COMPUTER

The inventor of the first electronic computer "ABC" **JOHN VINCENT ATANASOFF** is of Bulgarian origin. Professor John Atanasoff together with his student Cliff Berry built the world's first electronic digital computer at Iowa State University, between 1939 and

1942.

An asteroid near to Mars discovered by Bulgarians was named after **JOHN ATANASOFF**



**PROTOTYPE OF THE WORLD'S
FIRST ELECTRONIC WRISTWATCH**



In 1971 , the Bulgarian inventor, engineer and scientist **PETAR PETROFF** presented the prototype of the world's first digital wristwatch, named "Pulsar".



ASSEN JORDANOFF *One of the Creators of the USA Civil Aviation, constructor of Boeing*

THIRD WING IN THE AIRCRAFT

In 1915 the Bulgarian aeronautic engineer Asсен Jordanoff constructed the **FIRST BULGARIAN** engine plane. **FOR THE FIRST TIME IN**

THE WORLD, in aircraft. Asсен Jordanoff introduced the "third wing" and was one of the founders of the airbags.



The world's first airliner Transport Douglas DC-3 (Douglas DC-3), was invented by Asсен Jordanoff. He was the chief designer of the Douglas DC-3.

He is world famous Bulgarian and his name was inscribed in book honorary citizens of New York, and his portrait is on display in the "Hall of Fame" in New York, the airport Laguardia.



THE YOGHURT

In 1905. Dr. STAMEN GRIGOROFF discovers the lactic acid bacteria "LACTOBACILLUS BULGARICUS". It is used to produce the unique Bulgarian yogurt.



DIMITAR SASSELOV- In 2003 the Bulgarian astronomer and his team discovered the most distant planet. It is 5000 light years away from the Sun. It's located in the constellation of Sagittarius and is called **OGLE-TR-56b**.

IVAN (John) NOTCHEV - constructed the engines for the lunar module used during the first landing on the Moon.



GEORGI NADJAKOV, a Bulgarian physicist-academic, discovered the photoelectronic state of substances in 1937 which is essential to modern photocopying and gained him a place in the world history of physics and techniques.





VESELIN TOPALOV is a Bulgarian chess grandmaster.

Topalov became the FIDE World Chess Champion by winning the FIDE World Chess Championship in 2005.

YORDANKA DONKOVA is a former hurdling athlete.

She set four world records in 1986. Her fifth, a 100 m. hurdles time of 12.21 set in 1988, is still the current world record.



DAN KOLOFF was a famous Bulgarian wrestler and a national hero of Bulgaria. Born in the village of Sennik, Bulgaria on December 27, 1892, Koloff immigrated to the United States at the age of 17. He was **THE FIRST WRESTLER** in the world with 1500 wins and only 2 lost matches.

STEFKA KOSTADINOVA has held the women's world record at 2.09 m (6 ft 10 $\frac{1}{4}$ in) since 1987, also the longest-held record in the event.

She was born in Plovdiv, Bulgaria.

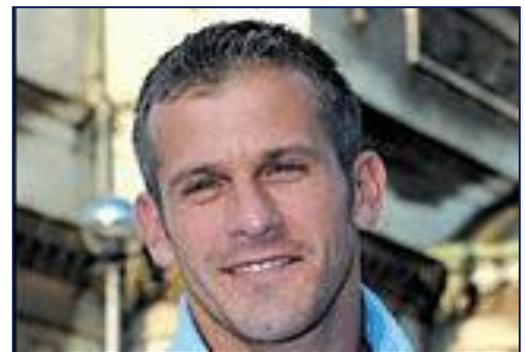


ALBENA DENKOVA and MAXIM STAVISKI of Bulgaria won their second consecutive World title at the 2007 World Figure Skating Championship in Japan.

YORDAN YOVCHEV is arguably the finest men's gymnast alive. In his collection he has four gold medals from World Gynastics Championships, four Olympic medals (one silver, and three bronze), three gold medals from European Championships and many, many others.

Yordan Yovchev was born on February 24, 1973 in Plovdiv, Bulgaria.

In 2006, Yordan Yovchev was officially announced as one of the greatest gymnasts in the history of the sport by the International Federation.





IVETA LALOVA is a famous Bulgarian athlete. She was born on May 18, 1984 in a sports family.

After winning a couple of European gold medals, in 2004 she runs 100 m for 10.77 sec to become the fastest white woman on the planet.

HRISTO STOICHKOV is the most successful Bulgarian soccer player of all time. He debuted in professional football with CSKA Sofia and was later spotted by European giant FC Barcelona. Stoichkov earned global acclaim after winning the Spanish Primera Division four consecutive times and taking his club to Champions League glory in 1992. At World Cup 1994, Hristo Stoichkov was awarded the Golden boot as the top goal scorer of the tournament as he miraculously led his country to the semi-finals.



VASKO VASSILEV is a Bulgarian musician, violinist.

At 23, he became the youngest leader and first ever Concertmaster of the Royal Opera House in London, where he continues to work.

For the last 3 years, he has held the position of Creative Producer of the Royal Opera House.

Over 70 000 traditional Bulgarian folk songs have been collected at the Folklore Institute of the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences.

BULGARIAN SONG FLIES IN SPACE



Valia Balkanska In Voyager Of NASA - MYSTERY Of Bulgarian Voices (Low).flv

The Bulgarian folk song "Izlel e Delio Haydutin" was sent in deep space on the board of the US space probe - "Voyager -1" as part of a collection of our civilization's finest cultural artifacts - a message to alien intelligence.

It is expected that Valia Balkanska's voice will be played in space for at least 60,000 years more.