## $140^{th}$

## Anniversary of the BULGARIAN ACADEMY OF SCIENCES



This year (2009) the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences (BAS) shall celebrate its 140<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The Academy is one of the oldest institutions in the Balkan Peninsula. It was found back in 1869 as the Bulgarian Learned Society in Braila (Romania) and still is the largest unit for scientific research in Bulgaria.

The Academy has about 70 institutes now, which are all independent research units. They cover practically all spheres of human knowledge: mathematics, physics, geology, chemistry, biology, engineering sciences, the humanities and social sciences and their subdivisions.

Congratulations!

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