

**TO
PROF. KOSTA BOSHNAKOV
CHAIRMAN OF THE JOHN ATANASOFF
SOCIETY OF AUTOMATICS AND
INFORMATICS**

**ORGANIZERS AND PARTICIPANTS IN
THE INTERNATIONAL SCIENTIFIC
CONFERENCE
"AUTOMATICS AND INFORMATICS 2023"**

**Dear Professor Boshnakov,
Dear members of SAI "John Atanasoff",
Dear organizers and participants,**

It is a real pleasure and privilege for me to congratulate you with the opening of the International Scientific Conference "Automatics and Informatics 2023" and the 120th anniversary of the birth of the great inventor John Atanasoff!

I am convinced that this remarkable occasion inspires the entire information society in our country and around the world.

John Atanasoff's genius established him among the leading pioneers of computational science, without whose contributions the face of modern technology would not be what humanity knows today. Creating together with Clifford Berry the world's first electronic computer with regenerative memory, John Atanasoff laid the foundations for the development of the modern digital era. I believe that his scientific and research achievements will continue to be an example for the next generations of scientists and a source of pride for all Bulgarians.

On the occasion of the professional day of the Bulgarian specialists in the field of informatics and information technologies, I am grateful to address all established names who will take part in the International Scientific Conference "Automatics and Informatics 2023". Your long-term efforts are the solid foundation on which today our country is developing this important sector at a remarkable pace and scale.

I wish all participants in the International Scientific Conference "Automatics and Informatics 2023" fruitful work and many new scientific achievements!

Good luck!

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**Rumen Radev
PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF
BULGARIA**