

The creator of the first digital computer (1937) was the physicist of Bulgarian origin - John Vincent Atanasoff. It was called Atanasoff - Berry Computer.



The first wireless heart monitor used today in hospitals around the world, as well as the first digital wristwatch were invented by Bulgarian Petar Petrov.



The oldest gold treasure in the world is in Varna, about 6,000 years old. The artifacts are from 4600-4200 BC. The treasure consists of a total of 3,000 objects and weights six kilograms.

The oldest Slavic Orthodox Church in the world is in Bulgaria. Alexander Nevsky Cathedral in Sofia was recognised as an independent church in 870 AD.



Bulgaria is the only country in the world that saved its Jews during World War II.



The Bulgarian folk song "Izlel e Delyo Haidutin", performed by Valya Balkanska, was sent to space aboard the Voyager 1 probe as part of the World Heritage Collection - a message to possible form of life.



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Bulgaria is among oldest countries in Europe. The only country that has not changed its name since its founding in 681.

The Bulgarian army has never lost a flag in battle.

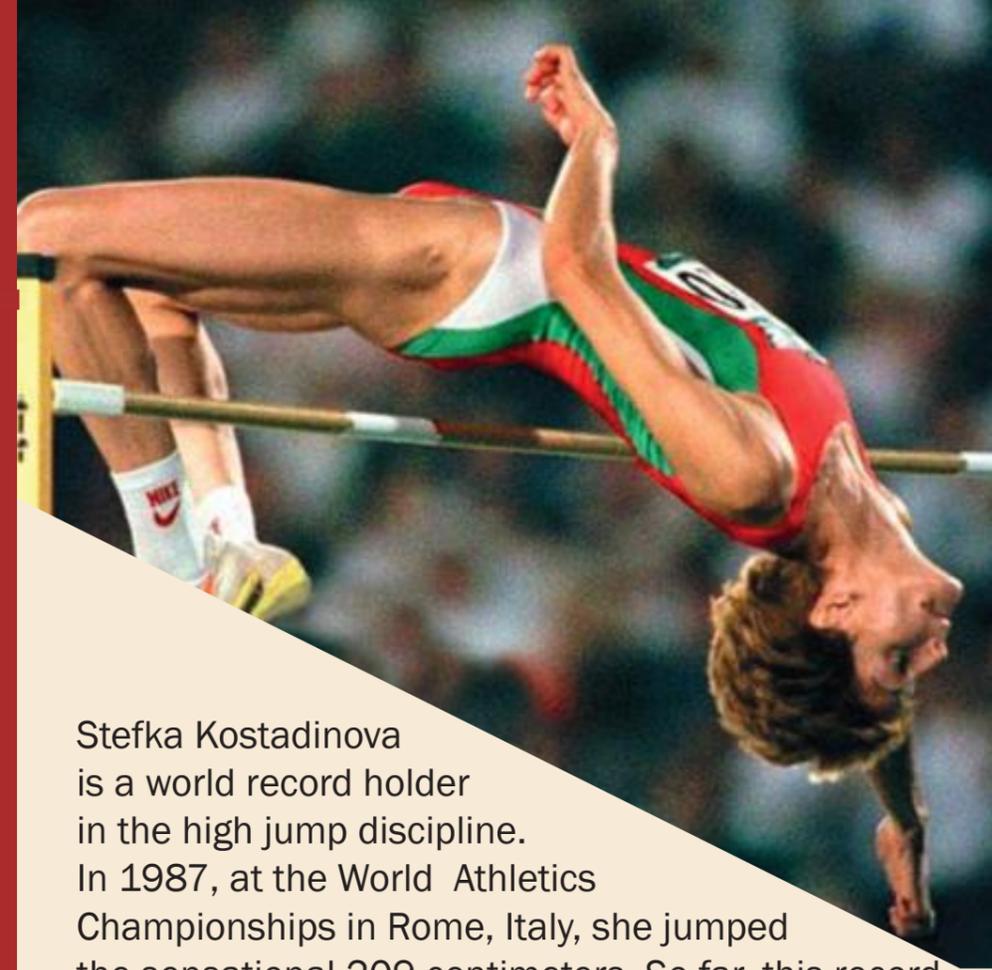


In 1976 UNESCO declared the ancient Bulgarian calendar the most accurate in the world.



Bulgaria is the second country in Europe with the highest number of natural mineral springs, after Iceland. This is why it is called the SPA capital of the Balkans.

Roses from the Bulgarian Rose Valley are up to 85% of the world's rose oil used in most perfumes.



Stefka Kostadinova is a world record holder in the high jump discipline. In 1987, at the World Athletics Championships in Rome, Italy, she jumped the sensational 209 centimeters. So far, this record has not been improved.

Bulgarian Dan Kolov is the first fighter in the world with an astonishing 1500 wins and only 75 losses.

The oldest city in Europe is Plovdiv. There are archaeological remains showing that people settled in the area more than 8,000 years ago. For most of its history it was known by the name Philippopolis.



Bulgarian yogurt is very famous in the world.

It is useful and healthy. This is due to the bacterium *Lactobacillus Bulgaricus*, which can only be found in Bulgaria.

About a third of the territory of Bulgaria is covered with forests. The Pirin Mountain is home to one of the oldest trees on the planet. Baikusheva pine is 1,300 years old and is 26 meters high.



Hristo Stoichkov, also known as the "dagger", is a world-renowned Bulgarian footballer, coach and honorary consul of Bulgaria in Spain. He is recognised as the most successful Bulgarian footballer in history, winner prestigious football awards (Golden Ball, Golden Shoe), the Super Cup of Europe, the Cup of European Champions, the Cup of National Cups.