

THE FIRST KNOWN MENTION OF THE MATHEMATICAL INSTITUTE

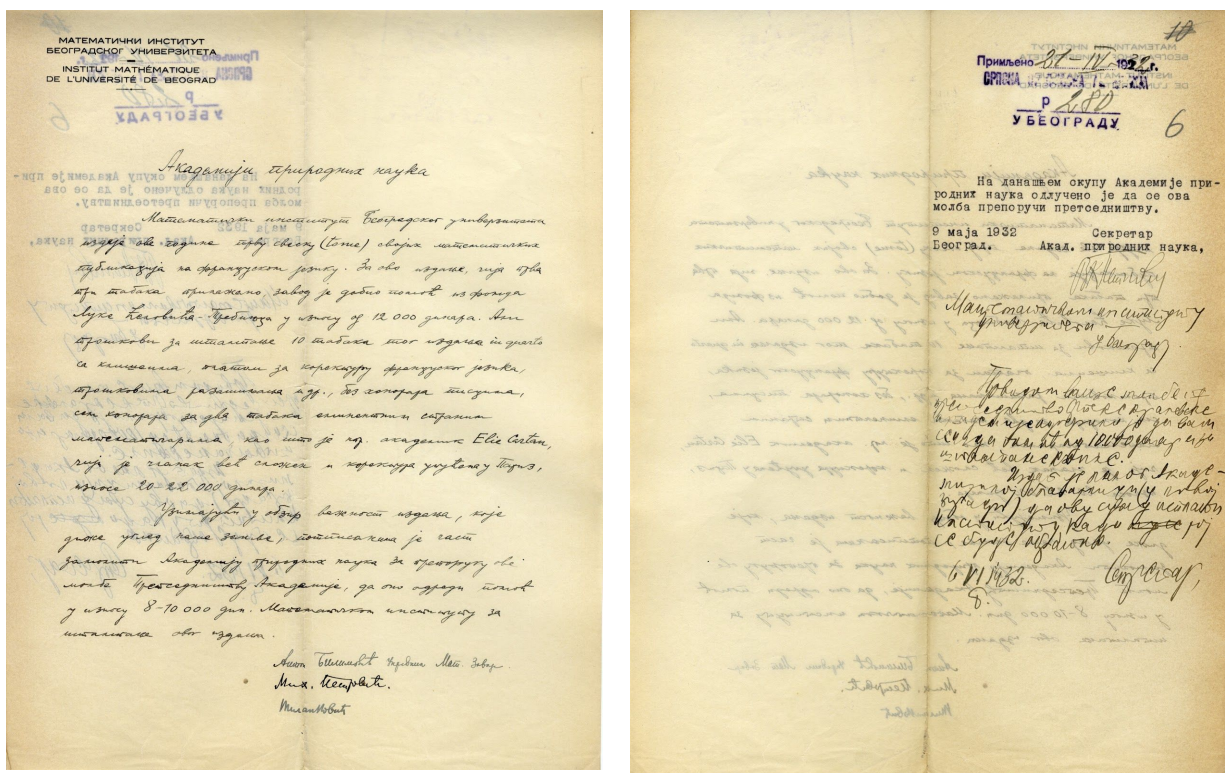


Fig. 1. Request of the Mathematical Institute of the University of Belgrade for providing funding for printing mathematical publications, addressed to the Serbian Royal Academy (SASA Archives)

Owing to the efforts of Professor Žarko Mijajlović, a document from 1932 was found in the SASA Archives, containing a memorandum of the Mathematical Institute of the University of Belgrade. It is a request from the representatives of this institute - Anton Bilimović, Mihailo Petrović and Milutin Milanković - to the Academy of Natural Sciences of SRA to

provide funds for the purpose of printing the first volume of mathematical publications in French. As Professor Mijajlović noticed, the importance of this source is that it represents the first known mention of the Mathematical Institute, led by Anton Bilimović, the then head of the Institute. Although not explicitly stated, funding was actually sought for the printing of the first volume of the journal *Publications Mathematiques de l'Université de Belgrade*.