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MIHAJLO PUPIN, ONE OF THE CHARTER MEMBERS OF THE AMERICAN MATHEMATICAL SOCIETY



Portrait of Mihailo Pupin (1858 - 1935)
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In 1888, mathematician Thomas S. Fiske, then an assistant at Columbia College, proposed to his colleagues and professors to start a mathematical society. He was inspired by the London Mathematical Society, which he visited during his stay in England a year before. Thus, "The New York Mathematical Society" - later known as "The American Mathematical Society" - was founded on December 29, 1888, with the task of bringing together mathematicians interested in

"discussion of mathematical subjects, criticism of current mathematical literature, and the solution of problems." Among the 16 founders of the Society was the distinguished scientist of Serbian origin, Mihailo Pupin. His membership in Society continued until his death in 1935.

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