

HISTORY CORNER



Fig. 1. Portrait of Professor Aleksandar Bilimović by his wife Elena Kisileva, 1913
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On 18 September 1945, at the seventh session of the Section of Natural Sciences of the Serbian Academy of Sciences, Academician Anton Bilimović proposed the establishment of the Mathematical Institute. On 25 September 1945, at the eighth session of the Section of Natural Sciences, Bilimović was put in charge of monitoring the establishment of the Institute.

Bilimović compiled the so-called "Rules", the first statute of the future Institute. It was adopted on 18 October 1945, at the ninth session of the Section of Natural Sciences, and put into effect by the Serbian Academy of Sciences on 26 April 1946. Shortly afterwards, the Scientific Committee and the Council of the Mathematical Institute were established. During the first session of the Scientific Committee, held on 15 May 1946, academician Anton Bilimović was appointed president of the Institute, academician Vojislav Mišković as vice-president and professor Radivoj Kašanin as secretary.

The first session of the Council took place on 22 June 1946, representing the "highest forum of mathematicians-experts in Serbia".

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