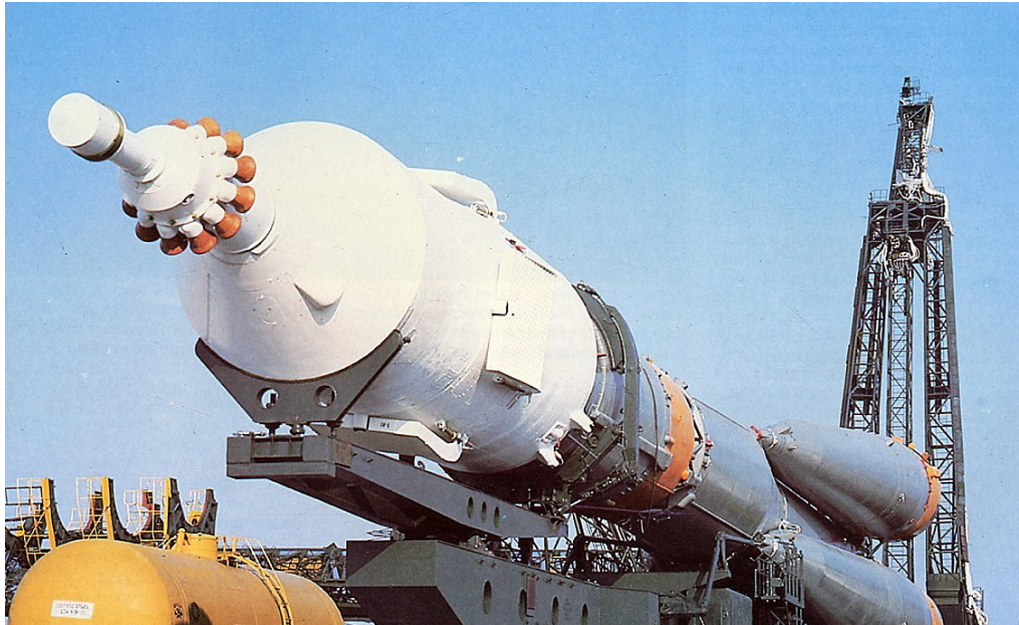


35 years passed since first Bulgarian astronaut visited open space (cosmos)

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On **10th of April 1976** in 20:34 mins Moscow time from [Boikonur Cosmodrome](#) was launched s spaceship "*Souyz-33 / Union-33*". On spacecraft flies 3 cosmonauts part of the space program *Inter-cosmos*, one of which is the Bulgarian cosmonaut and explorer [Georgi Ivanov](#). **Georgi Ivanov** became the first Bulgarian who the leave *planet earth*, becoming *the first space visitor with Bulgarian nationality*.



Ivanov spend in space 1 day 23 hours and 1 minute, after that the capsule landed in 320 km south-east from [Jezkazgan \(Kazakhstan\)](#).

For his short stay in space in Earth's orbit Ivanov made **31 full turns around Planet Earth**. With his flight to space Bulgaria joined the elite club of "*astronaut nations*", making **Bulgaria the sixth nation in world who sent representative in space**.



Flight mission's goal was linkage of their spaceship with orbital station "**Salute-6**" but because of technical malfunction "Syuz 33"s moving with higher than forecasted and *speed autoamtic correction system* turns on which damages part of *fuel camera*, making necessary to cancel the flight.



Returning home on Earth he was awarded with medals "*Hero of the USSR*" and "*Hero of Republic*"

Bulgaria"

Nevertheless the mission was unsuccessful and dangerous Ivanov's pulse during all flight kept normal.

Georgi Ivanov is born in Lovech on 2-nd of July 1940 in family of *Anastasia Kakalova* and *Ivan Ivanov Kakalov*. During his school years he excercised *parachutism*, graduating in high-school "*Todor Kirkov*" Lovech in 1958.

Ivanov entered Bulgarian army in 1958 graduated Military school in *Dolna Mitropolia* (1964) with specialty of *flight engineer and a pilot of class 1*.

He served in Bulgarian National Army as *a pilot, senior pilot, commander and a squadron commander*.

In 1984 he defended his thesis and received a science degree "*candidate of physics sciences*". Georgi Ivanov is currently 73 years old. Nowadays Ivanov's birthouse in qr. "*Varosha*" is of historical importance and is preserved as a museum.

The fact that we Bulgarians have a cosmonaut is a great pride for me and all of us Bulgarians. Let us not forget our heroes and patriots and know our history.