EDITORIAL

Dear Readers,

This special double issue of *Serdica Journal of Computing* is dedicated to the 80$^{\text{th}}$ anniversary of the birthday of Professor Edward A. Friedman, internationally renowned scientist and innovative educator, versatile humanitarian, and member of our editorial board.

On this occasion the Editorial Board entrusted Evgenia Sendova, a pioneer of the use of computers in education, with being editor-in-charge of this issue. In turn, she took care of inviting authors and reviewers whose expertise and experience are related to various aspects of Prof. Friedman's interests and activities. The contributions begin with interviews with Sidney Altman, Nobel Prize laureat in Chemistry; Victor B. Lawrence, Fellow of the National Academy of Inventors; James E. McClellan III, Professor of History of Science at Stevens Institute of Technology; and Charles D. Ferguson, President of the Federation of American Scientists. These interviews are followed by articles dealing with memories and new visions on the implementation of digital technologies in science, education, social, political and cultural issues, the final one being Prof. Friedman's own speech upon receiving the title of Doctor Honoris Causa awarded to him by Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski" (published in English for the first time).

Besides the authors, several other people contributed to the issue. Much of the text benefited in diverse ways from Ivan Derzhanski's acute sense for style and keen eye for detail. Avram Eskenazi offered many helpful comments on the papers. Olena Siruk ran much of the correspondence and assisted authors with adhering to the standards of the journal. Becky Ovadieva helped with timely and precise proofreading from a distance. Tatiana Parkhomenko did the final formatting and typesetting.

Hence, hoping Prof. Friedman will like our birthday gift, the Editorial Board thanks him for his participation in the life of *Serdica Journal of Computing* and wishes him good health and further creative achievements.

Peter Stanchev
Editor-in-Chief