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**To the distinguished members
Of the Presidium of the
National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine.**

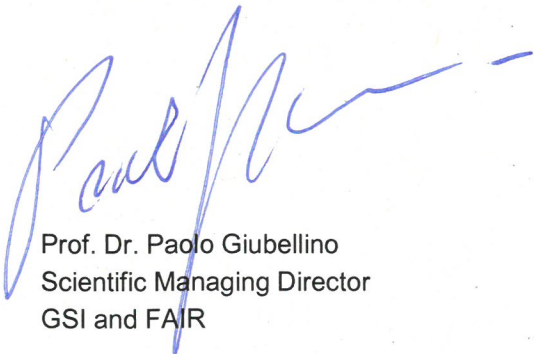
Dear Colleagues,

I have received the very sad news of the death of Academician Borys Yevhenovych Paton. I would like first of all to send my heartfelt condolences for this enormous loss for science worldwide and for Ukrainian science in particular. I had the great pleasure and privilege to know him personally and I think we are all in debt to him for his guidance through many years, keeping a clear vision also in difficult times. I feel that the best way we have to honor Academician's Paton's memory and to value His legacy and the excellence of Ukrainian science, which is appreciated and greatly valued in the World, is to ensure that his place will be taken by another remarkable scientist such as his deputy Academician Anatoly ZAGORODNY.

Professor A.Zagorodny is outstanding physicist worldly known by his research in statistical physics, kinetic theory of plasmas and soft matter physics. He also made very important contribution to the integration of the National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine into international research community. Particularly, activities of Professor A.Zagorodny aimed at involving the Ukrainian research teams in the leading international experiments in high-energy physics are well known and appreciated by their partners in CERN and GSI-FAIR.

I believe that in view of high scientific achievements and international reputation Professor A.Zagorodny is an ideal candidate for the presidential position.

Sincerely yours



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