



NATIONAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCES

Office of the President

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President Anatoly Zagorodny
National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine
Volodymrska Street 54
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Dear President Zagorodny,

The U.S. National Academy of Sciences stands in awe and admiration of the bold and courageous efforts that you, the members and supporters of your academy, and millions of other colleagues in Ukraine are taking to protect your institution; your country; and, indeed, your very way of life.

We watch, as the entire world watches, the heroic efforts of the Ukrainian people—and of their decisive and resolute leader, President Zelenskyy—to resist the despicable efforts of Russia to gain control of your country. Regardless of this Herculean defense, and whatever international support can be exerted, Ukraine's immediate future is dark and uncertain.

When the light once again emerges on Ukraine and the Ukrainian Academy of Science, we stand ready to assist in restoring and revitalizing the scientific capabilities of Ukraine. We recognize that such scientific expertise is of significant benefit to the international community. Practically speaking, scientists and their work will be crucial in rebuilding Ukraine.

Indeed, when this barbaric invasion comes to an end, you, the science community, and the brave citizens throughout Ukraine will be confronted with the tasks of restoring the order, civility, and decency that are hallmarks of your country. Our academy recognizes the responsibility to be a partner in those efforts.

Meanwhile, we add our voices to the increasingly unified international calls—backed by actions on many fronts—to repel Russian military forces from your territory as quickly as possible.

On a personal note, the U.S. National Academy was invited to send a representative to the 2018 celebration of the 100th anniversary of the establishment of the National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine. The many activities planned for the event included attending the impressive science fair where many of your scientific and technological achievements were on display; representing the United States at a conference of the European Federation of Sciences and Humanities; enjoying a dramatic spectacle of Ukraine's music, dance, and vocal talent; and celebrating then-president Paton's 100th birthday. Your country's rich culture was on full display.

We remain confident that, in the not-too-distant future, your Academy will once again be able to share with pride the multi-disciplined accomplishments that have long been the result of your scientific efforts.

Even in the darkest times, we must remember that science is the property of us all. While we are seeing its gross misuse, which calls for the most severe of punishments, we must be steadfast in supporting the use of science for the good of mankind.

With our most sincere wishes for an end to the conflict—and the individual safety of you and your colleagues.


Marcia McNutt
President