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THE ROYAL DANISH ACADEMY OF SCIENCES AND LETTERS



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Dear Professor Anatoly G. Zagorodny, President of the National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine

In war, everyone loses; the countries involved, the people, and everything created and enjoyed by them. That is why we, at the [Royal Danish Academy of Sciences and Letters](#) and [the Young Academy](#), wish to express our deep concern as well as our heartfelt sympathy with you at this time.

Until peace is reached, we will be calling on fellow nations and academic organizations and institutions within them to act towards solving the problem.

The Royal Danish Academy and the Young Academy have already expressed our support of the statements on the war issued by our colleagues from [ALLEA](#) on February 25<sup>th</sup> as well as from our colleagues from [ISC](#) on February 28<sup>th</sup>. And we will continue to encourage everyone to share the statements and their messages as posted on the Royal Academy's [home page](#).

We, too, support the actions taken by our colleagues from the [International Human Rights Network](#) to help academic colleagues in Ukraine trying to escape the war in their home country whilst also gathering information on fellow academics in Russia and Belarus that are subjected to political and legal consequences of expressing anti-war opinions. The International Human Rights Network has a Danish subcommittee within the Royal Academy that is also concerned with these exact issues. You are welcome to contact them regarding such matters. The chairperson is Academy member, Senior Research Associate [Ida Nicolaisen](#).

The universities of Denmark have joined together to support Ukrainian scholars being relocated to other international academic institutions. The programme is called [Scholars at Risk](#). We encourage you to contact Scholars at Risk's [Denmark Section](#) if you know of Ukrainian Scholars in need of being connected to the Danish research environment. Furthermore, there are ongoing negotiations between the [Danish Ministry of Higher Education and Science](#) and the Danish universities to explore the possibility of admitting student refugees to the universities for them to continue their education whilst staying in Denmark. For updates and more information on the negotiations, we recommend that you contact the [universities](#).

If there is anything we can do to help the situation of you, our fellow colleagues, please do not hesitate to reach out to us.

Yours sincerely, with the best of wishes going forward

On behalf of the Royal Danish Academy of Sciences and Letters & the Young Academy

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