

Dear Scientific and Academic Community! The Russian Federation has committed an insidious and completely shameful military attack on our country! In 2022, cruise missiles with cluster munitions and vacuum bombs that are banned in the civilized world are destroying residential areas, kindergartens, and hospitals in the very center of Europe! As of today, the number of dead civilians counts in hundreds (of which 16 are children), and thousands are wounded. The President of the Russian Federation threatens the world with nuclear weapons, which will obviously start the World War III. The armed forces and citizens defend Ukraine to the end! The whole world gives a worthy rebuff to the aggressor through the imposition of sanctions. At the same time, we believe that in this situation the progressive world scientific community should have its say. That is why we need your support right now. In our opinion, in the 21st century and 2022, perhaps the best answer to tanks, multiple rocket launchers, and rockets is closed access to high technologies, innovations, scientific research, and information support. Therefore, we turn to you with a big request and confidence that you will not only hear, but also do everything possible to protect Ukraine, protect Europe, and, finally, the entire democratic world from bloody authoritarian aggression - with a request:



to block citizens of the Russian Federation and institutions of the Russian Federation access to all scientometric databases and materials of all scientific publishers;



to make it impossible for scientists and scientific institutions of the Russian Federation to participate in international grant programs funded by the EU and other partners;



to suspend the participation of researchers, students, and institutions from the Russian Federation in current international academic mobility programs;



to boycott attempts to hold scientific events within the Russian Federation (including scientific conferences, symposiums, etc.);



to prohibit citizens of the Russian Federation from being editors/co-editors/reviewers of international publications. We are sure that such decisive actions will activate the scientific community and the proactive population of the Russian Federation to stop the shameful military aggression. Yours sincerely