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THE PRESIDENT

Letter of Congratulation
to the Institute of philosophy of the Russian Academy of Sciences
on the occasion of the World Philosophy Day 2021

Dear Andrey Smirnov,
Director of the Institute of philosophy of the Russian Academy of Sciences,
Dear colleagues,
Dear friends,

It is my greatest pleasure and honor to congratulate on behalf of the International Federation of Philosophical Societies the Board, members, and staff of the Institute of philosophy of the Russian Academy of Sciences, along with the entire Russian philosophical community, on this prominent celebration of the World Philosophy Day 2021.

In the course of time, the Institute of philosophy and FISP have established constructive working relations, and close personal ties. It is with great satisfaction that we observe how our bond and fruitful scholarly interaction has continued to grow.

For a long time already, the Institute of philosophy has been widely and internationally recognized as an outstanding research center in the various domains of philosophy. Building on the work realized by past generations of scholars at the Institute, and on the extremely rich tradition of philosophical thinking in Russia, its members are engaged in countless areas of research in ancient, medieval, and modern philosophy; in virtually all domains of philosophical reflection; in the relations between philosophy and other social, human, and natural sciences; and in the cross-cultural plurality of philosophical approaches embedded in the Western, Asian, African, and American traditions of thoughts.

This exceptionally wide-ranging scholarship represents a critical asset for today's research on a global scale. It also provides the Institute with an outstanding capacity of weighing in international debates. For many of us, indeed, the World Philosophy Day is still falling amidst particularly turbulent times. We observe an increasing awareness that the ongoing pandemic is not just one sanitary crisis yet;

instead, it might represent the onset of a spiral that, potentially yet dramatically, could intensify the existing economic and social inequalities on a global scale.

Philosophers might dismiss this fear; or they may decide to embed our theoretical reflections into the actual reality of our time, addressing its main social, ethical, spiritual, religious, and political concerns.

Earlier this year, a prospect into the future of our communities was opened by the decision of holding the next World Congress of Philosophy in Rome, Italy, in August 2024. Inviting a World Congress in an increasingly unpredictable and uncertain world was not an easy decision. It engages philosophy the public sphere at large, bringing together ideas, traditions, and people from all continents and regions. Please let me extend to you, as well as to the entire philosophical community of Russia, a warm invitation to participate in the Congress, and contribute to shape it within and in partnership with Fisp.

Philosophy plays a critical role in our increasingly complex world. It helps us better understand the challenges and contradictions of our time and continues to be an essential ingredient of the younger generations' education. Studying, teaching, and practicing philosophy contributes to building a global scholarly network, and ultimately a human community as a whole. It is particularly fortunate that the voice of the Institute of philosophy of the Russian Academy of Sciences is clearly and steadily heard in the global philosophical debate.

May I kindly present all members of the Institute of Philosophy, and all Russian philosophers, with the warmest wishes of a fruitful, productive, reflexive, and very convivial World Philosophy Day.

With kindest regards,



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President

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