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Dear Ms. Phibbs!

I would like to take this opportunity to express my deep and sincere respect to you.

The Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine is grateful for the support provided for Ukrainian scientists through the Research4Life project by the Research4Life Partner Publishers and the Research4Life team.

The decision made by the Research4Life Partner Publishers in 2022 to provide Ukrainian scientists with access to electronic resources of scientific information (journals, books, databases) through the Research4Life platform, and to transfer Ukraine to Group A of countries, access for organizations from which is free, became a significant support for Ukrainian science. Access to academic and professional content provided to Ukrainian institutions helps Ukrainian scientists to effectively continue their scientific activities in the current difficult conditions.

The Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine together with the State Scientific and Technical Library of Ukraine continued to inform Ukrainian higher education institutions, research institutions and other organizations about the possibility to get and use access to electronic resources on the Research4Life platform.

Thanks to this informing and the support of the Research4Life team, hundreds of Ukrainian institutions have got access to the Research4Life platform and have been able to set up such access for their employees. As can be seen from the Research4Life website, according to the number of registered institutions Ukraine is among the countries where access is most actively used.

The conclusion of a Service Level Agreement between the Research4Life and the State Scientific and Technical Library of Ukraine and participation of Ukraine in the Research4Life Country Connectors Network project will improve communication on issues of providing Ukrainian institutions with access to electronic resources through the Research4Life platform. The Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine, for its part, will support the implementation of related measures.

Unfortunately, the full-scale war waged by the Russian Federation with the support of the Republic of Belarus against Ukraine has been going on for over a year.



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Thousands of innocent people have fallen victim of the war, Ukrainian cities and villages suffered unprecedented destruction. Hundreds of Ukrainian educational and research institutions have been destroyed and thousands damaged. Thousands of researchers and scientists have been forced to relocate from areas of active hostilities to save themselves and their families.

At the same time, Ukraine's struggle against Russian aggression requires enormous financial resources, so the Ukrainian government continues to allocate funds to the needs of security and defense sector, which under other conditions could be allocated to other areas, including the development of education and science.

Under such difficult conditions free access to electronic resources of scientific information is especially important for Ukrainian scientists. Maintaining such access will help them to continue effectively their scientific activities. That is why we will be grateful to the Research4Life Partner Publishers for maintaining access for Ukrainian scientists to the electronic resources of scientific information provided on the Research4Life platform during 2023 and 2024. This will significantly support Ukrainian science in the difficult conditions caused by the war and will help in the recovery of Ukraine.

The Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine also expresses gratitude for other forms of support for Ukrainian scientists, in particular, the opportunity to participate in Massive Online Open Courses (MOOCs) and specific training in the Publishing Research Lifecycle. The further possibility of translating some of these educational modules into Ukrainian would help the Ukrainian research community to get more useful information.

We also thank Research4Life Partner Publishers for supporting the publications of Ukrainian scientists through the Group A fee waiver program in 2023 and would be grateful for the possibility of further continuation and expansion of such support.

The team of the Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine under my leadership is ready to continue fruitful cooperation with Research4Life and Partner Publishers. In particular, these issues are coordinated by the Deputy Minister of Education and Science of Ukraine Denys Kurbatov, who is responsible for the development of science and innovation in the Ministry. Communication with the Research4Life will also be continued by Darya Chayka, Deputy Director General of the Directorate of Science and Innovation of the Ministry and Andrii Petrovskyi, State Expert of this Directorate.

I express my sincere respect to you and hope for further support of Ukraine from Research4Life Partner Publishers and the Research4Life team in this difficult time, when Ukraine is fighting against the aggressor.

Yours sincerely,
Temporary acting Minister of Education and Science of Ukraine
Yevhen KUDRIAVETS