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## Dear Vladislav Yakovlevich,

The Research Council of Norway would like to congratulate You and the staff of the Russian Foundation for Basic Research on the 25 years anniversary of the Foundation! The founding years have passed with high marks, and you have been able to establish an important instrument for the development of high quality scientific work. By open and transparent competition researchers are given the opportunity to partake in the development of society and help finding solutions to challenges of our time.

The Research Council of Norway has cooperated with RFBR since 2012, and we have already launched several joint calls. Last year our jointly funded projects were presented at a well organised conference in St.Petersburg. This conference showed that not only do Norway and Russia have issues and research of common interest, but we have well established ties within the research communities, and young researchers following in the footsteps of proud traditions within polar, climate and resource research and management.

We are looking forward to continuing our cooperation, both within the international framework and through our bilateral activity like our new joint call this year.

We are looking forward to the next 25 years of RFBR history, and wish you success and prosperity!

Your sincerely,

The Research Council of Norway

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