



Embassy of the United States of America

April 24, 2017

Dear Chairman Panchenko:

Please accept my sincere congratulations to the Russian Foundation for Basic Research (RFBR) on the occasion of its 25th anniversary. Over the course of the last 25 years, RFBR has played an crucial role in the support of fundamental research in Russia from mathematics to biomedical research, and is poised to expand its transformative activities into multidisciplinary research in the humanities as well. RFBR has developed a well-deserved reputation for high standards, and reaching this milestone is cause for celebration.

It is with no uncertain pride that I note RFBR includes among its dozens of international partners the United States National Institutes of Health. The three rounds of U.S.-Russian HIV/AIDS joint research competition have not only supported ground-breaking research in an area of great importance to both of our countries, but also showcased the power of scientific cooperation to promote deeper and stronger ties between Russia and the United States. The newly established joint research grant competition on cancer opens a new page in NIH and RFBR collaboration.

As you reflect on your institution's accomplishments over the past 25 years, please also accept my wishes for more such successful ventures between our researchers in the years to come.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Daniel Ross".

Daniel Ross

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His Excellency

Dr. Vladislav Yakovlevich Panchenko,

Chairman,

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