

From Ukrainian Physical Society, March 20 2022
to the editor of Contributions to Plasma Physics
by e-mail

Dear Editor-in-Chief!

We are addressing you on behalf of the Ukrainian Physical Society, a public organization that unites Ukrainian physicists.

At the moment we are staying in Kyiv as well as a lot of my colleagues. Several times a day an air alarm is sounded, the city is attacked by Russian missiles. Kharkiv, another scientific center of Ukraine, is being hit even harder. Peaceful people are wounded and killed.

We appreciate the courageous stance of some Russian scientists who had the effrontery to urge their government to condemn this criminal madness. Now, we appeal to the European and global physical community: the official scientific institutions of the Russian Federation, in particular, its leading universities and the Russian Academy of Sciences bearing their own share of responsibility for the policy of the evil empire of President Putin, are subject to an unconditional boycott.

We urge that researchers with an affiliation of such institutions not be admitted to international grant teams, not be invited to international conferences, and not be published in leading international scientific journals. We strongly assert that any joint academic projects and conferences with such institutions are absolutely inadmissible and cannot be morally justified, all the more so those realized and held on the territory of the Russian Federation.

We believe that the solidarity of the international community will allow free and independent Ukraine to withstand and survive these tragic times.

Sincerely yours,

Igor Anisimov,

President of Ukrainian Physical Society