



Dear Dr. Ronald F. Lehman III

Dear Dr. Adriaan van der Meer!

The Directorate of the Joint Institute for Nuclear Research (JINR) is extremely pleased to congratulate you on the 15-th anniversary of the International Science and Technology Center (ISTC).

For the past 15 years ISTC has become a large solid international organization with 39 member countries and partners all around the world supporting projects in fundamental and applied fields of research ranging from physics and environment to space transportation and agriculture. We believe that ISTC will continue its immense contribution to the development of various branches of science, such as nuclear physics, biology, chemistry and others. With the help of your work the scientists from Russia and all over the world will keep on receiving exciting and challenging results in all areas of science.

It is necessary to outline the rich historic background of the scientific and technical cooperation between JINR and ISTC, which results in the lasting collaboration of scientists and contributes to the development of science both in fundamental and applied research. We highly appreciate the longstanding and productive cooperation between our organizations and wish to continue it in the future and be fruitful and mutually beneficial.

We would like to stress that since ISTC is engaged in the implementation of international scientific projects and establishing business contacts with scientists from Russia, Georgia and other CIS countries with their colleagues from research organizations in Canada, EC, Japan, the Republic of Korea, Norway and USA, its further cooperation with JINR is very important for the future of our Institute.

We thank you kindly for your tremendous contribution to the JINR activity and wish you numerous new projects for the sake of the world-wide scientific development and the further promotion of the collaboration between scientists from all over the world.

Sincerely yours,

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of the Joint Institute for
Nuclear Research*

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