

Warsaw, March 14, 2022

**Professor Manuel Prieto**

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President of International Union of Pure and Applied  
Biophysics (IUPAB)  
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Dear Professor Prieto,

Dear Members of the Council of IUPAB,

Dear Representatives of Adhering Bodies of IUPAB

In recent days we are shocked by the brutal aggression of Russian Federation against Ukraine, a state represented in IUPAB by Ukrainian Biophysical Society as Observer. In our opinion a country which, without any reason or justification violates world's peace by attacking another independent country, threatening other countries, commits acts of genocide against civilians, breaking international conventions, insolently lies to the world and wants to punish own citizens with many years of prison for preaching the truth does not deserve to be a member of IUPAB.

Therefore, in the name of the Polish Academy of Sciences, we demand an immediate suspension of the membership of Russia in the International Union of Pure and Applied Biophysics.

The suspension of Russia's membership is not meant as an action against our fellow Russian biophysicists but as a sign of support for our Ukrainian friends whose work, peace and even life are endangered by the barbaric invader.

We trust that our intensions will be met with understanding by the President, Council and adhering bodies of IUPAB.

Prof. Jerzy Duszyński, President of Polish Academy of Sciences



Prof. Grzegorz Węgrzyn, President of the Committee of the Molecular Biology of the Cell of the Polish Academy of Sciences



Prof. Grzegorz Bartosz, Representative of Poland for IUPAB

