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Professor Jerzy Duszynski
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Dear Professors Duszynski and Wegrzyn

We have received your letter dated 14th March 2022 and note your concerns. The International Union of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology (IUBMB) strongly condemns the invasion of one sovereign state by another. The IUBMB thus joins the global community of scientists in strongly condemning the current invasion of Ukraine.

With reference to your request to terminate membership of the Russian Adhering Body, there are specific procedures that need to be followed. We need to adhere to our statutes, specifically Statute 5.12 which states that *“Before such action shall be taken the delegate or delegates of the Adhering Body or associate delegate of the Associate Adhering Body in question shall have been given an opportunity of explaining the matter under review in writing to the Executive Committee; this statement, together with a written commentary thereon from the Executive Committee, shall be laid before the Extraordinary General Assembly. Termination of the membership of any Adhering Body or Associate Adhering Body shall require the affirmative votes of at least two-thirds of those delegates present”*. The Executive Committee therefore cannot act unilaterally without a vote from the General Assembly.

The IUBMB has responded to the crisis by putting in place funds to support the relocation of displaced graduate students. Specifically, the IUBMB has established a programme called [Relocation Support for Displaced Trainees](#) which will provide financial support for trainees to relocate to a new host laboratory to continue their research. We have begun awarding these and would be grateful if you could make this programme known to your members so we can help as many displaced trainees as we can.

Yours sincerely,

M. Iqbal Parker
IUBMB General Secretary

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