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To Prof. Maurizio Oliviero
Rector of the University of Perugia

Dear Prof. Oliviero,

Recently we have been watching with great concern the tragic events, which are happening in the world, especially in Italy. Let me express our deep empathy about the difficult situation in your country caused by the coronavirus pandemic COVID-19. We share the pain and sorrow of those who lost their loved ones as a result of this tragedy, and we hope for the fast recovery of all those affected by the disease. We admire the dedicated doctors who work tirelessly so others can survive. We emphasize that during this difficult time, the Ural Federal University is mentally with you.

The coronavirus pandemic proved that the world was not ready for such a test. This is an unprecedented event in the modern history of mankind. The world has not encountered problems of this magnitude over a century. Our countries had to take tough actions: closing borders, stopping the work of many sectors of the economy, introducing quarantine throughout the country. We are fully confident that at the end of this global crisis we will all be able to reach a new level of mutual understanding on the way to fruitful cooperation.

We are convinced that it is science and global solidarity that will lead us to victory over the pandemic. When it is passes, we will be happy to welcome you and your colleagues to our University again and will be happy to visit your University.

With special warmth, we wish you as much strength as possible to bear this difficult time.

With the best regards,
Rector of UrFU

Victor Koksharov