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Dear Ms. Phibbs!

On behalf of the Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine, I want to express my sincere gratitude to you, the Research4Life team and the Research4Life partner publishing house for two years of cooperation and invaluable support given to Ukrainian researchers through the Research4Life project in today's difficult conditions for Ukraine.

We highly appreciate the operational support that the Research4Life team and Partner Publishers provide to Ukrainian science since 2022. The decision to transfer Ukraine to Group A countries opened up significant opportunities, providing unlimited access to full-text academic and professional content. This support was crucial to enable Ukrainian researchers to effectively continue their research, particularly in areas such as health, agriculture and environmental sciences, and to ensure the necessary capacity building for the country's future.

The opportunity for Ukrainian researchers to publish their work in international journals free of charges has also increased the visibility of Ukrainian research on the world stage through the Group A article processing charges waiver program. This support is invaluable in helping Ukrainian institutions and researchers to maintain and develop their scientific activities despite the current difficult conditions.

Since 2022, the Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine in cooperation with the State Scientific and Technical Library of Ukraine (SSTL of Ukraine) is actively engaged in informing Ukrainian higher education institutions, scientific institutions and other organizations about the Research4Life project. This concerns communication regarding granting Ukrainian institutions access to electronic resources on the Research4Life platform, their use, and other organizational measures. The statistics presented at the Research4Life Town Hall 2024 shows that Ukraine is located among the countries with the largest use of the Research4Life portal.

A significant step towards expanding our cooperation was the signing of the Service Level Agreement between Research4Life and SSTL of Ukraine in the summer of 2023. This agreement enabled SSTL of Ukraine to become an Associate member of the Research4Life Country Connectors Network project. Thanks to these and other activities, as well as with the support of Research4Life committees, over the past two years, more than 500 Ukrainian institutions and their employees have gained access



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to full-text resources on the Research4Life platform. Thanks to the support of the Research4Life Country Connectors Network project, SSTL of Ukraine organized and successfully conducted a series of webinars in the Ukrainian language dedicated to the possibilities of Research4Life programs for Ukrainian higher education institutions, scientific institutions, students and researchers. In total, more than 600 participants joined the events. As part of the video project, Ukrainian researchers and industry representatives had the opportunity to share their thoughts on the impact of Research4Life and how it helps them effectively perform their scientific activities.

Ukraine's long struggle against Russian aggression requires huge financial resources, so the Ukrainian government continues to allocate funds for the needs of the security and defense sector, which under other conditions could be directed to other areas, in particular, the development of education and science.

In such difficult conditions, free access to electronic resources of scientific information provided by Research4Life is especially important for Ukrainian researchers.

Maintaining such access will help them continue effective research. Therefore, we will be grateful to the Research4Life partner publishing house for the continuation of free access of Ukrainian researchers to electronic resources of scientific information on the Research4Life platform during 2025. This will significantly support Ukrainian science in the difficult conditions of the war and help in the recovery of Ukraine.

The team of the Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine is ready to continue fruitful cooperation with Research4Life and partner publishing houses and provide the necessary support to ensure the successful implementation of the relevant activities.

I express my sincere respect to you and hope for further support of Ukraine from Research4Life Partner Publishers and the Research4Life team.

Yours sincerely,

Deputy Minister of Education and Science of Ukraine Denys Kurbatov