

Dear Professor Moritz!

I would like to congratulate you on behalf of the Academy of Sciences of the Russian Federation, the Academy of Astronautics of Russia and on my own behalf with the significant anniversary – the 80th birthday. This celebration is a rare one and one of the major days of the life.

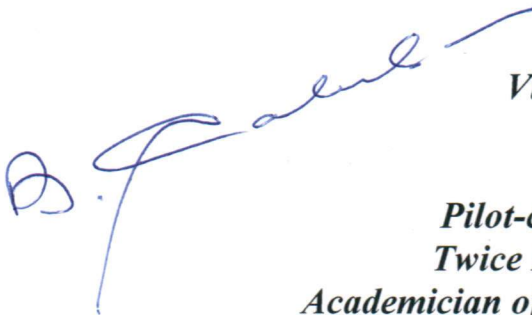
Your fundamental works in the field of geodesy are widely known all over the world and have also been highly appreciated in Russia. They are stimulating the development of prospective lines of modern scientific investigations. We have been admiring your ability to combine basic research and enormous scientific-and- social and humanistic activities. Your personal qualities, the feeling of self-esteem and deep respect for people have always been uniting surveyors of various countries.

We highly appreciate your role in training a new generation of surveyors for many countries of the world, including Russia.

I would like to join you personally on such a festival day and enjoy the pleasure but unfortunately, I have found myself very far from you now. I am still hoping to meet you in person to wish you many happy returns on this occasion!

I am again wishing you more and yet more happy birthdays in future!

I wish you a long and successful life! I wish you excellent health! Most importantly, I wish you happiness - without measure - every day and well-being! You deserve all the luck in the world!



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