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Dear Dr Bodrov,
Dear colleagues and students of St Andrew's Institute,

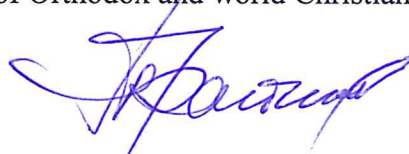
On the behalf of the International Baptist Theological Study Centre, Amsterdam, and the International Baptist Theological Seminary, Prague, we congratulate you with the Jubilee celebration of the founding of St Andrew's Biblical Theological Institute a quarter of a century ago. We are most grateful for your tireless research and publishing activities to make some of the most valuable theological resources of contemporary Christian οἰκουμένη available to the Russian speaking public. Academic events organized by the Institute, and particularly a series of conferences on theology, philosophy and science are well known, respected and followed by colleagues and research students affiliated with our institutions. Our experience confirms that the publishing house of St Andrew's Institute has established a reputation of a first class publisher with an excellent selection policy and highly professional editorial team. Your publications are much appreciated by Russian speaking academics across Europe and far beyond.

In the early years after *perestroika* your pioneering academic thinking of training lay Orthodox women and men opened up the possibility for hundreds of young women and men to receive state accredited theological education and to deep into the treasures of Orthodox theology and ecumenical Christian thought.

We wish you all further inspiration; strength and wisdom in the guidance of the Holy Spirit to continue the advancement of your good work, to bear fruits for the God's Kingdom in Russia and to look confidently in the future by presenting the best of the thought of Orthodox and world Christianity.



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