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To

Russian State Hydrometeorological

University, RSHU

With this letter of I wish to convey you all at the RSHU, the deepest condolences and deep feelings of compassion of all of us at the Finnish Meteorological Institute, on the decease of *Prof. Lev Karlin, the Rector of the RSHU.*

Prof. Karlin was in a key role in the establishment and enhancement of the close and fruitful bilateral collaboration between the RSHU and FMI throughout many years. Through this collaboration, I and my colleagues here at FMI had also the privilege to get to know him personally as a very warm and friendly person, and professionally a leader with a strong interest in international collaboration, forerunning approach and wide perspective in the future development of hydro-meteorology.

Please convey our deep condolences also to his closest ones.

Sincerely,

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Finnish Meteorological Institute