

Dear friends!

The 39th International Chemistry Olympiad is in the past. What will you remember from July 2007? I really hope your memory recalls bright moments of the Opening and Closing Ceremonies, nice sites of Moscow, unforgettable time spent with many old and new friends. And of course, mentors will remember intriguing discussions of examination tasks, whereas students – huge efforts to solve them. I am really sure everybody agrees that the 39th IChO became an important step in the development of International Chemistry Olympiads and science education as a whole.

Many organizations and individuals significantly contributed to the 39th IChO success. I have a pleasure to thank the Ministry of Education and Research of Russian Federation and personally the Minister A. Fursenko for serious attention to the Olympiad, which we felt at every stage of preparation.

I address warmest words of gratitude to the Rector of Moscow State University, Full Member of Russian Academy of Sciences, Professor V. Sadovnichy. Organization of IChO required coordinated efforts of various divisions and services of the Moscow University, and we always got positive and benevolent response and readiness to help.

MSU Chemistry Department was the host organization of the 39th IChO, and thus delegated the maximal number of members to the Science Committee, as well as to the working groups which assisted during examinations and other Olympiad events. I thank everyone who contributed to the IChO. Without your enormous efforts, dedicative work and high professionalism, this Olympiad would never have come true.

We are extremely grateful to all the sponsors. Their donations allowed conducting the Olympiad at a high technical level. I am absolutely sure that it was a very useful investment in the growth of talented young people from all over the world, and the companies will gain numerous benefits in future.

It is my pleasure to thank all the students for excellent participation in IChO and following the standards of fair competition. My congratulations on excellent results achieved at quite complicated sets of practical and theoretical problems. And of course I am very grateful to all mentors, scientific observers, guests and guides. Your positive attitude, creativity and enthusiasm produced warm and friendly atmosphere which we all experienced throughout the Olympiad.

I really hope that all of you enjoyed the time spent in Moscow, and at MSU Chemistry Department, in particular. As the Dean of Chemistry Department and President of the 39th IChO I have a pleasure to say to all the participants: You are very much welcome back!

With best wishes

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