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Dear Prof. Anatolii Tsos,

I have the pleasure to inform you that the application of Lesya Ukrainka Volyn National University for Membership to the International Association of Universities (IAU) has been accepted. Your institution meets all the criteria for admission as set by the IAU Administrative Board. On behalf of Prof. Andrew Deeks, IAU President, the IAU Administrative Board members, as well as personally, allow me to express how much we look forward to welcoming Lesya Ukrainka Volyn National University as a Member of the Association.

Two remaining formalities are to be completed before your university officially becomes a Member of IAU. As part of the admission process, all institutions accepted to membership are requested to endorse the enclosed IAU *Letter of Commitment to Core Academic Values*, which underpins the Association's work. The second and final step to becoming a Member of IAU concerns the constitutional obligation to settle annual membership fees. The annual fees for Lesya Ukrainka Volyn National University would normally be 1900 Euros. Yet to express our support to your university and to Ukraine, we are pleased to welcome your university to the IAU at now cost and to waive your membership fee for 2022-2023 (value: 1900 Euros).

On behalf of the IAU let me express how much we are concerned about the extremely difficult situation in which your university operates today. With UNESCO, IAU respects international humanitarian law and insists that the protection of teachers, educators, schools and university personnel and the right to education is upheld. We stand by the universities around the world as they can build better bridges for peace and understanding through teaching, research and community engagement; we stand by the universities in countries at war. IAU Members are assisting students and staff stranded in foreign countries everywhere around the world. We put high hopes in academic diplomacy. What is more, we call for the protection of free, independent and impartial media, the protection of journalists, media professionals and associated personnel, as these are essential foundations of a democracy and contribute to the protection of civilians and society at large.

With this letter, the IAU invites you to endorse the enclosed IAU Letter of Commitment to Core Academic Values, which underpins the Association's work. Once this important step is completed, the Lesya Ukrainka Volyn National University will become entitled to all membership benefits. These include complementary copies of IAU reference works and publications:

- Enhanced access to the [World Higher Education Database](#) (WHED portal)
- Free subscription to [Higher Education Policy](#), IAU's quarterly journal
- [Monthly newsletter](#) offering an overview of HE developments across the world
- [IAU Horizons](#): magazine published twice a year
- IAU [Annual Report](#)
- IAU [Policy Statements](#)

We are pleased to share the Open Access link to [The Promise of Higher Education: Essays in Honour of 70 Years of IAU](#) as part of our anniversary celebrations around the more than seven decades of IAU cooperation. This collection of 65 essays from 82 authors will take you on tour across the global higher education landscape while addressing pertinent themes and challenges.

IAU has a unique convening power, making it possible for Members to attend a large variety of global events, focusing on key higher education topics and bringing together experts from all regions. The IAU [16th General Conference](#) was hosted by University College Dublin and focused on **Relevance and Value of Universities to Future Society**. The presentations and recording of this very successful Conference can be accessed on the following [dedicated website](#). You will be able to read more about the members of the newly elected IAU Administrative Board 2022-2026 online – the composition of the Board can be viewed [HERE](#).

We prioritise ongoing exchanges with our Members to remain up-to-date on their needs and interests. We look forward to furthering our cooperation over the coming years. If you would like IAU to announce special programmes, courses, or events of interest to the broader higher education community, we would be pleased to feature them on our website, in the **News from our Members** section, and other communication channels.

It was a pleasure to meet you in Rotterdam this Fall and I very much look forward to this collaboration between Lesya Ukrainka Volyn National University and the IAU, and I would welcome suggestions you may have to enhance your Membership experience.

Yours Sincerely,



Hilligje van't Land, *PHD*
IAU Secretary-General
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- Letter of Commitment
- Official waiver Request for Membership fees for year 2022-2023