

# Urgent call for Science4Peace

We are scientists and employees in national and international research institutions. We were proud of our international contacts and collaborations and we were proud to promote scientific collaboration across the world as a driver for peace.

The scientific collaboration and exchange since world war II was a way to promote peace. We worked together with scientists from many different countries, including scientists and good friends from Ukraine as well as from Russia.

The war to Ukraine brings only death, damage and despair to the people and our friends in Ukraine but also everywhere else.

Young people, our students, colleagues and friends, the driving force in scientific research, are sent to war and are in danger to be killed.

We cannot continue our scientific research as usual.

**This war must be stopped immediately.**

We fully support the measures of our research institutions to help our friends and colleagues from Ukraine in these difficult times. Our hearts and feelings are with the people suffering in this terrible war and bloodshed.

But, scientific exchange only works if people can work and talk together.

We regard the new sanctions of different countries against our Russian colleagues, who are, as we and our Ukrainian friends, strictly against the war, as counterproductive.

As scientists we cannot:

- accept the ban of common scientific publications and the expulsion of long time collaborators from our countries
- continue working in big scientific collaborations, where some of our colleagues are banned and excluded from common research.

Community ethical standards prevent us from omitting in publications the names of colleagues who actively worked on a given project. The only way to preserve our principles would be to put on hold all such publications, but thus penalizing our own scientific production, which would be particularly damaging for our younger colleagues.

We sincerely ask in solidarity with our Ukrainian colleagues and friends, and with our Russian colleagues and friends who are courageously exposing their dissent to the war, taking great risks for their person, family and careers

- to do everything to stop the escalation spiral and to return to diplomacy and negotiations
- to withdraw the sanctions from fundamental research and scientific collaborations