
ISC CFRS Response to IMU

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Dear Vivi Stavrou, dear Professor Daya Reddy,

Thank you for the advice, I greatly appreciate it. We keep monitoring the situation and appealing for the help of the IMU.

We shall also contact the human rights organizations listed in your letter.

Kind regards,

Masha Vlasenko,

on behalf of the organizers and supporters of the ICM 2022 boycott

On Mon, May 13, 2019 at 4:17 PM Vivi Stavrou <Vivi.Stavrou@council.science> wrote:

Dear Dr Vlasenko, dear colleagues

I am responding on behalf of the ISC President, Professor Daya Reddy.

Thank you for considering the ISC's formal response to the issues in respect of the two students, Azat Miftakhov and Pavlo Hryb.

As stated in our letter dated, 29 April 2019, the ISC considers the cases of the two students, while very distressing and urgent, not to be directly related to their science discipline nor to the pursuit of their scientific research. The ISC is not in a position to defend and advocate for individual cases of human rights abuses, unless such instances involve discrimination against, or harassment or detention of individual scientists because of their science discipline or because of their scientific activities and research.

In this case, we believe that the IMU is the most appropriate body to take any further direct action.

If you have not already done so, please consider contacting the following organisations: the International Human Rights Network of Academies and Scholarly Societies^[1], Scholars at Risk^[2], Amnesty International, and the International Human Rights Network, which is based at the US National Academy of Sciences^[3].

In preparing for our response to you, the ISC contacted Scholars at Risk and advised them about what we know of the situation of Miftakhov and Hryb. From their own enquiries, SAR is aware of these cases but not of any connection between the students' academic positions, student expression, or student-related conduct and these arrests. Please do contact them with any further information as it comes up, in particular if any linkages emerge between the scholar's scientific work and their treatment at the hands of the authorities.

Thank you again for raising these matters with us.

With best regards

Vivi Stavrou,

On behalf of Professor Daya Reddy.

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Dear Vivi Stavrou and colleagues,

Thank you for thinking about the two arrested students. Please find our response letter to Professor Daya Reddy attached.

I agree that in each of the two cases the arrest was not directly related to their scientific discipline or their student conduct. However many prominent scientists signed the appeal to release of Azat Miftakhov: <http://doxajournal.ru/uni/mathfac> (scroll down for the English version)

There were also appeals for release of Pavlo Hryb from the European Union and Unites States of America.

What makes me to seek for the help of IMU and ISC so urgently, is that tortures were reported against both students. The attached letter gives an overview of what can be found in media on this topic.

Next days the Russian court should either release Azat Miftakhov or make the next decision on his case. If he is released, I will let you know.

Kind regards,

Masha Vlasenko

On Mon, Apr 29, 2019 at 7:47 AM Vivi Stavrou <Vivi.Stavrou@council.science> wrote:

Dear Professor Kening, dear colleagues

I am writing on behalf of the President of the International Science Council, and the Chair of the ISC's Committee for Freedom and Responsibility in Science, Professor Daya Reddy.

Attached to this email you will find the response from the Committee for Freedom and Responsibility in Science with regards to the case of the students arrested recently in the Russian Federation.

With best regards

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