

March 29, 2019

To the Executive Committee of the International Mathematical Union:

Dear President Kenig, dear Executive Committee members,

I am writing in the relation of two troubling cases of students being arrested in the Russian Federation recently:

Azat Miftakhov, a mathematics and mechanics graduate student at Moscow State University, is detained by the state authorities since February 1, 2019. A letter condemning tortures against Azat and calling for his immediate release was signed by many prominent scientists from Russia and worldwide, see <http://doxajournal.ru/uni/mathfac>

Pavlo Hryb, a philosophy student at Kyiv Mohyla Academy, was abducted from Belarus by the Russian authorities in August 2017 and sentenced to six years imprisonment on March 22, 2019. Pavlo suffers from a disabling and serious medical condition. He is on hunger strike since the sentence was announced by the Russian court. The European Union calls for his immediate release and access to the special medical treatment, see https://eeas.europa.eu/headquarters/headquarters-homepage/60087/statement-spokesperson-sentencing-pavlo-hryb_en

Last year IMU has honored the Russian Federation to host the next International Congress of Mathematicians. Since many influential figures of the Russian Academy and state organs, such as Office of the President, Government and Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Russian Federation, are involved in the organization process, we hope that the IMU Executive Committee could find means to inquire the Congress organizers about these two cases and to demand an urgent assistance of the ICM 2022 Executive Committee in releasing Azat Miftakhov and Pavlo Hryb.

Our group could assist in providing more information on each case. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions. I would also appreciate to know if anything was done in response to this letter.

Masha Vlasenko,

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the ICM 2022 boycott
<http://www.icm2022boycott.org/>