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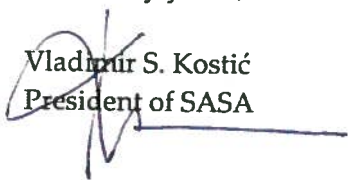
Professor László Lovász  
President  
Hungarian Academy of Sciences

Dear Professor Lovász,

Considering the recent situation in the Hungarian research sector, the Serbian academy of sciences and arts (SASA) fully supports the position of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences, as a position based on mutual values.

We strongly believe that in each and every society, scientific truth is one of the critical footholds of progress. Yet scientific truth can only be established by science, and science can only provide true contribution to a society, if this is its own contribution. This implies academic freedom - and academic freedom implies freedom in organizing research.

Sincerely yours,

  
Vladimir S. Kostić  
President of SASA