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Technical University

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Director General of the Russian Science Foundation

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Dear Prof. Alexandrov,

On behalf of organizing committee of International Workshop on Advanced Ground Penetrating Radar (IWAGPR), I am regret to inform you that the bid, given on July 9, 2015 by Dr. Sergey Ivashov and Dr. Andrey Zhuravlev to host IWAGPR in Bauman Moscow State Technical University in 2017, was not supported. We have supported another bid proposal also because it was already evaluated positively in the previous edition of the IWAGPR conference.

It was a really hard decision for us, especially at the fact that Dr. Ivashov and Dr. Zhuravlev gave an excellent presentation and made substantial advance preparation, on the basis of high-level research conducted in the Remote Sensing Laboratory, Bauman University, in the area of subsurface radiolocation. This research is well-known and valued in the international scientific community.

During our scientific meeting right after the bid session, all members of the scientific committee expressed a wish to support the same bid from your University to host another conference, which is of even bigger scale in comparison with IWAGPR – the 17th International Conference on Ground Penetrating Radar to be held in 2018. Further letter of support arrived after the conference from 21 members of the Scientific Committee.

We also hope that the grant allocated by Remote Sensing Laboratory from Russian Science Foundation could be formally rearranged to accomplish its established research plan, and eventually organize and host the 17th International Conference on Ground Penetrating Radar in Moscow in 2018.

Sincerely, *Lorenzo Capineri*

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