

# Press Release

The Scientific Council of the Horia Hulubei Institute of Physics and Nuclear Engineering (IFIN-HH):

- Expresses total disagreement with the invasion and the war started by the Russian armed forces on the territory of Ukraine. The attack on Ukraine is a groundless act of aggression against a sovereign state.
- Condemns the brutality and cynicism that destroy values of human civilization, the bombarding of cities and other infrastructure objectives on the territory of Ukraine which entails the suffering of the peaceful population, the death of civilians, the destruction of buildings, hospitals, airports, bridges, roads, and the worrisome increase in the number of refugees.
- Declares the suspension of collaborations under research and technical cooperation projects with partners in Russia. It prompts the Russian scientists to get correctly informed about the ongoing events, to judge by themselves and understand the truth about this unprovoked conflict and its consequences – both immediate and medium and long term.
- Expresses full support and compassion for the Ukrainian people facing this hardship, and, at the same time, its honest admiration for their exemplary bravery, sacrifice and determination to fight to maintain their sovereignty and independence.
- Asks for an immediate cessation of hostilities, the withdrawal of the Russian forces from Ukraine and calls for an immediate commencement of direct, serious and efficient negotiations, based on internationally acknowledged principles.
- Expresses deep concern with respect to the conveyance of threats with nuclear weapons and the starting of a new world war.
- Expresses total disagreement for using the results of scientific research for destructive purposes, to develop and improve nuclear, biological and chemical weapons which pose serious dangers to humanity and life as a whole. The results of scientists' work must be strictly implemented for scientific grounds to benefit the society, without the influence of political factors.
- Upholds the development of energetic and non-energetic nuclear applications for exclusively peaceful purposes, conditional on ensuring the security, protection of the population and of the environment, adding an important contribution to increasing the standard of living to the benefit of the citizens.
- Pleads for a global commitment to protect human dignity and is centred around promoting accountability, ethics and the legal, moral, religious, scientific values of humanity.
- Supports the stance taken by Romania and by our allies in implementing the measures intended to halt Russia's actions in this conflict, to deter their escalation and to provide help to Ukraine.
- Stands by and praises the actions taken by volunteers and the entire Romanian population involved in helping and assisting the Ukrainian refugees.