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Уважаемый Валентин Афанасьевич!

Направляем Вам текст новой программы Международного научного фонда - Программы содействия западным организациям, поддерживающим некоммерческие научные и образовательные программы в государствах бывшего Советского Союза и стран Балтии.

Программа рассчитана на оказание содействия западным некоммерческим организациям (университетам, научным институтам, музеям, библиотекам и т.д.), благотворительным фондам, государственным организациям, предоставляющим гранты и другие виды поддержки научным и образовательным программам в государствах бывшего Советского Союза и странах Балтии. Предусматривается оказание содействия и тем западным организациям, которые имеют совместные программы в области науки (не только естественной, но и гуманитарной) и образования со своими коллегами из бывшего Советского Союза.

С уважением,

Директор МНФ
по общественным связям

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**International Science Foundation
Announces Grant Assistance Program
for the Former Soviet Union and the Baltics**

The International Science Foundation announces a program to facilitate assistance efforts undertaken by non-profit donor organizations in support of non-commercial scholarly research and education programs in the Former Soviet Union and Baltic countries.

The ISF has been engaged in its own grant-making programs involving the transfer of over \$80 million in direct cash, material and travel support to researchers from the Former Soviet Union and Baltic countries. ISF will now make its established infrastructure in the FSU and US available to other donor organizations. In this manner, ISF will be able to assist in the transfer of funds, the purchase and delivery of material goods, and the provision of travel support to eligible recipient organizations throughout the FSU and Baltic countries. ISF's infrastructure includes exemptions from personal income, VAT and customs taxes throughout the region, which typically account for 40% of the total value of a donation in additional costs.

ISF's full range of services is being offered to donor organizations for a contribution equal to 10% of the value of the donated resources to partially cover the ISF's operating costs in disbursing the resources. All direct costs associated with the donation must be paid by the donor organization.

ISF's capabilities include:

- A unique, proven method of **transferring personal support checks** to researchers which can be exchanged for hard currency in banks throughout the FSU and Baltic countries.
- Cost-effective means of **transferring research materials and supplies** obtained abroad.
- Facilities for **making equipment purchases** through FSU and Baltic vendors at significant discounts and assuring that equipment is delivered as ordered before payment is made.
- Agreements with Western suppliers of **biomedical and scientific equipment** at substantial discounts and with secure delivery mechanisms.
- **Significantly discounted airline tickets** for international travel and financial support to travelers from the FSU and Baltic countries.
- **On-site support** for FSU and Baltic recipients by experienced local staff.
- **Detailed accounting** for all grant activities.

The absence of safe, reliable, and tax-free channels to send assistance to the FSU and Baltic science and educational communities has been a major stumbling block and deterrent to Western organizations. The mechanisms developed by the ISF are uniquely capable of ensuring that critically needed Western assistance will have the greatest possible impact during the current crisis.

ISF grant implementation mechanisms for activities in the FSU and the Baltic countries have proven so effective that it is often suggested that the ISF model be emulated or used by others wishing to provide assistance to the countries of the FSU and the Baltics. According to an editorial ("Russian Science Still Needs More Help") in a recent issue of Nature (24 February 1994, p.667), the ISF "has created a mechanism for helping Russian science to survive that should be used (or at least copied) by others, public and private."

For further information about submitting a request to ISF for assistance in administering grant activity, please contact:

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