



**2022 year — the International Year
of Basic Sciences
for Sustainable Development**
To the readers of “Physics–Uspekhi”



Thanks to the Government of Honduras, 2022 has been unanimously proclaimed by the United Nations General Assembly at its session on December 2, 2021 as the International Year of Basic Sciences for Sustainable Development. Due to the late proclamation, the opening ceremony is foreseen on July 1, 2022, and the closing ceremony, one year later, in the summer of 2023. The international Year 2022 will then span over two years.

Basic sciences are driven by sheer curiosity but can also serve as a model for sustainable development.

Fired up by the desire to understand our world, each generation throughout history has added to the well of knowledge built up by previous generations, from which subsequent generations are able to draw the inspiration they need to solve the problems they face. It is the exact opposite of what we are currently doing with our planet's natural resources.

Last but not least, Basic Sciences and Curiosity constantly re-enchant our world and make it worth to be sustainable for us.

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