

RUSSIAN ACADEMY OF SCIENCES' APPEAL

**(to scientists of Russia, professors and teachers of institutes of higher education,
school-teachers and teachers of technical schools, and all members of the Russian intellectual community)**

In our country now pseudoscience and paranormal dogmas are widely and freely disseminated and propagandized, i.e. an astrology, shamanism, occultism, etc. Efforts persist in the attempt to carry out various senseless projects like the design of torsion generators at the expense of public funds. Television and radio, articles and books with frankly antiscientific content make fools of the Russian population. The sabbath of sorcerers, magicians, soothsayers, and prophets continues in the domestic state and private mass media. Pseudoscience aspires to penetrate into all sections of the community and all its institutions including the Russian Academy of Sciences.

Undoubtedly, these irrational and in essence immoral tendencies pose a grave threat to the normal spiritual progress of the nation.

The Russian Academy of Sciences cannot and should not indifferently observe the unprecedented attack of obscurantism and is obliged to repulse it properly. For this purpose, the Presidium of the RAS has established a Commission of the RAS for the struggle against false science and falsification of scientific research.

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quite obvious that considerable progress can only be made in such a situation when the broad section of Russian scientists and teachers pay attention to the struggle against pseudoscience.

The Presidium of the RAS urge you to be active against the pseudoscientific and ignorant publications both in the mass media and in special editions, to counteract the realization of charlatan projects, to expose the activity of all kinds of paranormal and antiscientific 'academies', to propagandize the genuine advances and values of scientific knowledge and a rational attitude to reality in every possible way.

We urge the chiefs of radio and television companies, newspapers and magazines, authors and editors of programs and publications not to create and not to disseminate pseudoscientific and ignorant programs and publications and to remember the responsibility of the mass media for the spiritual and moral upbringing of the nation.

Today the spiritual health of the present and future generations depends on the position and activity of every scientist!