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On behalf of the Russian Academy of Sciences and the Russian Mammoth Committee, I would like to express my deep satisfaction with the results of the First International Mammoth Conference. The publication of these papers indicates that international cooperation in the study of mammoths and the mammoth fauna has entered a new phase of understanding between scientists from different countries.

The Russian Mammoth Committee of the Russian Academy of Sciences is ready to support and coordinate research on mammoths and the mammoth fauna in cooperation with science centers abroad. Only through a joint effort of international teams can we achieve a better understanding of mammoths and the mammoth fauna. It is my hope that the First International Mammoth Conference will be the cornerstone of a continuing tradition of learning and of the exchange of information across continents, and that the tradition of the International Mammoth Conference will continue.

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