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Prof. C. Sławiński, Director  
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Dear Professor Sławiński:

I am deeply honored to have received the medal minted on the occasion of 50th anniversary of the Institute of Agrophysics PAN. It has been a privilege and a pleasure to collaborate with scientists from your Institute over the past 38 years.

Institute of Agrophysics PAN is the unique research center that focuses on agricultural applications of physics in its broadest sense. The Institute is the \*indisputable world leader in the field. The emphasis on deep understanding of soil-plant-atmosphere systems and innovative approaches to quantification of those systems allowed the institute to become the true magnet for young scientists. The Institute has the vibrant community spirit that in turns guarantees the flexibility and mobility of research programs. The publishing activity of the Institute supports and advances the worldwide stature of the Lublin agrophysics center.

Overall, the Institute jubilee is the event of the importance for the world agricultural science. I wish all the best to the Institute staff and to you personally. I have no doubts that the intellectual potential and dedication of institute researchers will lead to new theoretical breakthroughs and valuable applications.

With the very best wishes

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Sincerely

