



Welcome Message to the participants of the 22nd International Exhibition Khimia 2019

Ladies and gentlemen,
I am glad to welcome you to the 22nd edition of the Khimia International Exhibition for Chemical Industry and Science.

For more than half a century Khimia, being a leading international show of chemical achievements, is of utmost importance not only for development of the Russian chemical industry, but also for other important sectors of modern production and social sphere.

Khimia 2019 is organised by Expocentre AO and supported by the Russian Ministry of Industry and Trade, the Russian Chemists Union, the Chimvest Scientific and Technical Centre, NIITEKHIM OAO, the Mendeleev Russian Chemical Society, the Chemistry Department of Lomonosov Moscow State University, and Mendeleev University of Chemical Technology of Russia. The event runs under the auspices of the Russian Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

This year the Khimia product sectors cover such sectors as chemical and petrochemical industries, chemical engineering, analytical and laboratory equipment, industrial biotechnologies, green chemistry technologies, environmental protection, corrosion protection, industrial coatings, engineering and automation, software, IT, and others.

The Startup ChemZone special area has been further developed. It is designed to help small innovative companies, residents of technology parks, and youth entrepreneurship centres at Russian universities and colleagues to attract more customers and partners, find additional funding, and get feedback of professionals from the sectors applying the developments showcased at Khimia.

Moreover, Khimia will once again become a venue to hold major industry forums, conferences, and research and practice seminars. Special emphasis in the Khimia supporting program is placed on the sessions devoted to the problems of digitalisation of the chemical industry. During the session representatives of chemical companies, industry experts, and IT specialists will address specific challenges: how to improve efficiency in the management of chemical production using new digital technologies, how to make the production more flexible, cost-effective and safe.

I would like to wish the participants and visitors to the Khimia exhibition interesting and effective meetings, fresh ideas, and business success.

Sergey Bednov
Director General
Expocentre AO

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'S. Bednov', written in a cursive style.