

Welcome Message to the participants of the 25th Anniversary International Exhibition Khimia 2022

Dear exhibitors and visitors to Khimia 2022, I would like to welcome you to EXPOCENTRE Fairgrounds at the 25th anniversary edition of the International Exhibition for the Chemical Industry and Science – Khimia 2022, which will showcase the full range of products made by the Russian chemical industry and its foreign partners.

Khimia launched the history of EXPOCENTRE's own trade shows in the mid-1960s. The event is still the undisputed leader in its field. It brings together a wide audience of executives, industry professionals, researchers, developers, and government representatives to discuss the most important issues of industry development and provides an excellent environment for business negotiations and conclusion of lucrative contracts.

The show is held with the support of the Russian Ministry of Industry and Trade, the Russian Chemists Union, NIITEKHIM OAO, the Mendeleev Russian Chemical Society, the Chemistry Department of Lomonosov Moscow State University, and Mendeleev University of Chemical Technology of Russia, and under the auspices of the Russian Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

The showcase of the anniversary season once again confirms the high reputation of Khimia. It will welcome 200 companies from 7 countries, including Belarus, China, India, Iran, Kazakhstan, and Turkiye. Russian regional representation continues to increase with group stands supported by relevant business development centres. For the first time, the Republic of Mari El and the Vladimir and Omsk regions will have their stands.

An extensive conference programme at Khimia 2022 will bring together more than 30 events, including such a landmark event as the 10th Moscow International Chemical Forum. Discussions among exhibitors, industry leaders and leading industry experts will focus on the issues of import independence and technological sovereignty of the Russian chemical industry. Numerous panels, strategic sessions and workshops will be devoted to various aspects of business development in the new economic climate. Robotics in the chemical industry will be a key topic on the business agenda. The issues of strengthening promising cooperation with partners from Iran and China will also take a special place in the discussions.

As usual, the days of the international chemical show will be full of many important events for industry professionals, productive networking, the search for better strategies and business partners, and important business deals.

I sincerely wish all exhibitors and visitors to Khimia 2022 successful work, favourable conditions for business and fruitful research activity, as well as promising projects that can provide sustainable development of the Russian chemical industry!

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