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Dear Professor Rudolf Kalman!

On behalf of the staff and students of ITMO University please let me extend my congratulations to you on your 85<sup>th</sup> jubilee. Your name and your scientific achievements mean a lot to several generations of students and graduates all around the world. The phenomenon of "Kalman filter" has become a brand name in information technologies, as we know them today.

We would like to ask you to honor ITMO University with accepting the title of the "Professor Emeritus of ITMO University". Should you agree to receive the title the diploma and gown will be awarded at the gala ceremony in June 2015 during your visit to Saint Petersburg.

There are three Chairs at ITMO University, offering majors and research opportunities in automation and controls: Chair of Control Systems and Informatics, headed by Prof. Alexey A. Bobtsov, Control of Complex Systems Chair, led by Prof. Alexander L. Fradkov and Chair of Information and Navigation Systems, supervised by the academician of the Russian Academy of Sciences, Vladimir G. Peshekhonov.

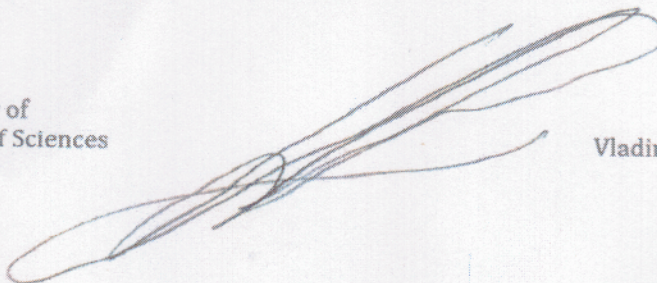
Students, PhDs and researchers of ITMO University aim high in their scientific endeavors, and the results of their efforts are published, among others, in the materials of *IFAC World Congress* и *The Genetic and Evolutionary Computation Conference*.

ITMO University is an acknowledged leader of the collegiate programming contests: in 2004, 2008, 2009, 2012, 2013 ITMO University team became Absolute World Champions at ACM World Programming Contest. Up to now, the team of ITMO University is the only five-time winner of the world championship. Up to 12000 teams from 2000 universities representing over 90 countries strive for excellence in this contest yearly.

Today we are proud to say that Niklaus Wirth, Charles Antony Richard Hoare, John Edward Hopcroft, Elliot Kahn, Robert, Bertran Meyer, Bjarne Stroustrup, are the Professors Emeritus of ITMO University. The first four scientists mentioned are the Turing Award holders.

Once again, let me wish you all the best on your birthday. I would be delighted if you agreed to be selected as a Professor Emeritus of ITMO University. This would motivate the youth in their aspirations to become the scientists of your scale and significance one day.

Rector  
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The Russian Academy of Sciences



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