

LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION

The organization “*Ghevond Alishan*” *Scientific Women Council* has asked me about a recommendation and I am pleased to give it. As a scientist connected for many years with actual research I have watched and analyzed the critical change of scientific research and some positive trends observed last two years.

For the time interval beginning after the declaration of independence in Armenia research works almost stopped which is connected with funds reduction. It is particularly true for experimental research, which is connected with purchasing technique and tools necessary for experiments performance. The unique exceptions present some institutes that managed to afford research grants from international organizations like INTAS, International Science and Technology Center.

As a consequence of a difficult financial situation in fact most big foundations need to create proposals meeting predetermined rules and have recommendations from international specialists. Women of Armenia are intensively involved in scientific life in Armenia. The number of grants received by the women-scientists presents the evidence of such statement. The importance of science, especially fundamental research, undergoes no discourse. To initiate the reconstruction of science and assistance to the research development, including women participation it is urgent to study all details of projects statement for scientific-research institutions. There is a precedent where a representative of INTAS have taught how to achieve international ways of financing. This was the initiative of the Ministry of Higher Education, but was limited to 50 participants. I consider very urgent the problem of involvement of greater number of women in the process.

I consider very actual the idea of the organization of a conference with intention to invite representatives from different fields of science and different countries. Such a conference will promote information exchange, sharing opinions and ideas. There were almost no conferences for over last 20 years.

I hope the conference will create conditions for other scientific conferences and thus will give the impulse to scientific cooperation.

The recommendation is given to present to the Open Society Institute.

I am certain in positive response because such a unique conference absolutely meets the ideas of SOROS Foundation.

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