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National Institute of Biology

Dear Mrs
Prof. Dr. Tamara Lah Turnšek, Director
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Dear Sirs,

Thank you very much for your invitation to the celebration of the 50th anniversary of the National Institute of Biology. Your path has been full of success, your work has brought excellent scientific results and you have successfully used your knowledge in a variety of useful researches. You have justified the reason for the existence of your institute, which has proved as top rank institute within the framework of international projects with world established scientists, professors and the environment to which students from all over the world are attracted.

Your work has gained on topicality. It is oriented towards preservation of the natural environment and biodiversity. The work you do in the field of protection of plants and health of humans and animals is of utter importance. You prove that we cannot surpass crisis without science. You use science to elevate general knowledge, its use and you open new paths to changes to survival, which is not alien to you biologists.

You are well acquainted with the laws of evolutionary advantage and knowledge this certainly is. I was aware of it when I visited your unit, the Marine Biology Station at Piran. You showed me the mysteries of the marine world and made me even more convinced that we must do everything to preserve the nature, sustainable development and the quality of life.

I had similar impressions upon the visit of your institute in Ljubljana on the occasion of the international day. We saw studies, discussions and anticipations that are of utter importance when planning the future. Recent floods that struck Slovenia were a clear indication that expert assistance could prevent many damages.

Dear Sirs,

on the occasion of your 50th anniversary I congratulate all workers of the National Institute of Biology for their successful scientific work, the management for courageous managerial works and especially for having managed to prove that your work is irreplaceable and urgently needed in order to understand the importance of the healthy environment for the health of the people.

My special congratulations are dedicated to the winners of prizes and awards of Prof. Dr. Miroslav Zei, the founder of the National Institute of Biology.

Yours faithfully,