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Dear David Li,

First and foremost, I am deeply honored by the invitation to join the International Core Academy of Sciences and Humanities. I look forward to working alongside its distinguished members in advancing its noble mission, and I am sincerely grateful for the opportunity to represent the concerns of the Iranian scientific community.

Undoubtedly, public health, welfare, comfort, and the improvement of quality of life in all societies are fundamentally based on scientific and technological advancements. Science and technology are the culmination of the efforts and sacrifices of researchers and scholars worldwide. Science is of the nature of light, inherently transcending political and geographical boundaries.

The Islamic Republic of Iran is abundantly endowed with both human and natural resources. It holds the world's third-largest proven oil reserves, the second-largest natural gas reserves, and ranks among the leading nations in mineral wealth. In addition, Iran's academic community comprises more than four million university students, with nearly thirty percent of whom are pursuing graduate studies, demonstrating the nation's strong commitment to advancing scientific knowledge. Iranian students have also consistently excelled in international Olympiads and scientific competitions.

Through sustained investments in science and research, Iran has secured over two percent of global scientific output and achieved the fifteenth position worldwide, despite facing sanctions and externally imposed restrictions. These accomplishments have been achieved under challenging circumstances, as some international journal editors, under political pressure from politic, have regrettably declined to publish the work of Iranian scientists.



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In this context, I wish to thank all honest and dedicated journal editors, especially the former editors-in-chief of The Journal of Organic Chemistry¹ and Chemical & Engineering News (C&EN)², both published by the American Chemical Society (ACS). With their honesty and sense of duty, they have supported the Free Flow of Scientific Information and protected it from being used for political or diplomatic reasons against researchers from certain countries, including Iran.

It is respectfully requested that scientific societies and academies of sciences worldwide provide greater support for "**The Free Flow of Scientific Information**".

Sincerely,
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¹ https://pubs.acs.org/doi/pdf/10.1021/jo040137y?ref=article_openPDF

² <https://rogue-scholar.org/records/8hs67-xat56> and <https://legacy.earlham.edu/~peters/fos/2004/01/more-on-scientific-paper-embargoes.html>