

Dear Editor,

The article “To Russia, for Math” published in the August 2021 issue creates an incomplete, one-sided picture of Russia, and this is an understatement.

I would like to recall to the readers, that Russia currently wages an undeclared war against its neighbor, Ukraine. That in 2014 it annexed a large portion of Ukrainian territory by military force. Such a forceful annexation happens in Europe for the first time since the end of World war II. The war continues and people die almost every day.

I also recall that Russia assassinates people, not only on its own territory but also in other countries, and that nobody is protected from arbitrary arrest and imprisonment on trumped charges in Russia.

I was stunned by the decision of the IMU to make the next Congress in Russia; on my point of view this is morally equivalent to arranging a congress in 1940 in Germany.

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