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**Pope John Paul II State School of Higher
Education in Biala Podlaska**

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This letter is to confirm an international cooperation between the Bogomolets National Medical University in Kyiv and the Pope John Paul II State School of Higher Education in Biala Podlaska (Faculty of Health Sciences). The cooperation focused on joint scientific research for health protection in the fight against an infectious disease of the respiratory system, caused by SARS-CoV-2 virus infections.

The collaboration between our academic institutions, educating in medical fields of study and conducting research and development activities in the discipline of health sciences, has been developing due to the scientific mobility of their employees as well as the joint research and development work and a cooperation on significant research projects aimed at health protection during the coronavirus pandemic in Ukraine and Poland. This cooperation brought measurable effects of ground-breaking scientific activity on an international scale. Dr hab. Oleksandr Oliynyk, prof. PSW, was given a thank-you letter (in the attachment) from the Administration of the National Medical University in Kyiv for commitment in providing medical and advisory assistance in the treatment of patients with SARS-CoV-2 virus infections in an intensive care unit.

The joint research and development initiatives of both higher education institutions operating in collaboration with the Department of Anaesthesiology and Intensive Care as well as a closer long-term scientific cooperation and the commitment of researchers in intensive care and other scientific disciplines have contributed to the great impact that Pope John Paul II State School of Higher Education in Biala Podlaska had on the development of procedures aimed at the protection of health in the Ukrainian and Polish nations during the pandemic. The University raises the awareness among the ill and infected, but is also a carrier of information and good practices in international public health protection.

The jointly conducted research of both Universities considerably contributes to the reduction of the incidence rate in Ukraine and Poland, not only in towns and villages, but, due to the geographical location, particularly in cross-border traffic and international mobility. The University, due to scientific research and diagnostic tests is a valued centre of science with an impact on the changes in the local, regional and international environments, which alters the attitudes of patients and breaks down barriers related to the availability of SARS-CoV-2 diagnostic centres. The University builds its reputability on the social trust in the development of science and research in favour of good neighbourly relationships as well as European partnership.

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