

Remarks for Closing Ceremony

This has been a wonderful conference. I have enjoyed listening to the talks about the fine work in mathematics that you are doing. It is good for Americans to learn about the excellent research done here in Ukraine and also in Russia and other European countries. Thank you for that. A student of mine said once that going to conferences was like taking vitamins! But it is more than that. It is a time to make friends and to learn about each other and to love each other. Mathematics is a common language that has brought us together – despite the different languages that we speak. I have made new friends here and I have learned much.

It is helpful to have a list of participants with university addresses, also E-mail, so we can communicate with each other. The conference organizers kindly provided that. Professor Nikitin and all who helped have done much work to organize this conference. They have been very kind and have helped us, visitors, much—they have picked us up at the airport, have provided meals, have arranged the talks, have taken us to the river – so Professor Goldin can swim! – they have made this a very pleasant experience. They have helped us with language – we who do not speak Ukrainian or Russian. It has been good to see beautiful places in this historic city, Kyiv.

This conference could not have been without Professor Fushchych. He produced much research and pioneered so much work in mathematics. I looked in Volume 4 of the Journal of Nonlinear Mathematical Physics and many articles referred to papers that Professor Fushchych and his collaborators had written. He organized that journal and he started this conference. That is a great legacy that he has left us. I extend my best wishes to his wife and his family. I believe that we will be able to see him again and thank him ourselves for the great work he started and that now will continue. The journal will continue and so will the conference.

So maybe we will have the opportunity to be together again in two years. But for now, I wish all of you a safe trip to home and say "thank you" again to the conference organizers!

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