PREFACE

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The conference was held in both face-to-face and remote form with taking all precautions in order to prevent the spread of COVID-19 caused by the new coronavirus.

The purposes of the Conference were the consolidation of scientific community resources in order to determine ways to solve practical problems in scientific, educational and industrial processes; introduction of innovative technologies in various fields of activity; networking development between Russian universities and industrial partners; implementation of educational programs based on innovative technologies development.

Within the process of preparing the Conference, the program and organizing committees tried to expand geography of the participation as much as possible by attracting a large number of scientists and specialists, as well as everyone involved in individual issues related to innovations in science and education. The result was the participation of leading scientists and specialists in various fields of activity of our country, near and far abroad from more than 13 countries, such as: Germany, the USA, People's Republic of China, Austria, Egypt, Palestine, Kazakhstan, Georgia, Belarus Republic, Armenia, Poland, Serbia, Hungary. More than 90 reports were presented at the Conference, the total number of participants was more than 1000 people. The main directions of the Conference were: Innovative ways of education and science developing; Innovative trends of the world community development: globalization, digitalization, greening, economic efficiency; Innovation in addressing food security issues; Innovative trends of modern mechanical

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