

Good afternoon to all bio Olympiad participants and honored guests:

We are here together again after a productive and exciting four days. I am sure that you all have had an educational and worth while time here at this event, speaking for myself, I know I certainly have.

As I browsed the projects and observed the events, I was moved by the enthusiasm that you all had for your individual pursuits. Children and young adults all dedicated and working so hard so as to showcase how their projects will help their fellow world citizens deal with life in the 21st century. Yet even though many projects were individual-based, I also saw many types of collaboration and cooperation among participants. Furthermore, what I also found so encouraging and hopeful was the international participation. Since the Bio Politics International Organization has representatives in over 150 countries, I was also pleased to learn that there are participants from all over the world and that they will take the education and experiences they have had back to their own countries when they return. With such diversity of projects and people, we can truly say that this event needs greater international recognition and must be continued.

While I personally thank each and every one of you for your time, hard work and dedication to the event, there is one person in particular that I would like to point out. Prof Dr. Alexander Shishkin established the concept of the Bio Olympiad. Since 1995, the event, has recognized the limitless potential our youth has for innovative technology and improvements for our world. By bringing all of you together in one location to network, surely demonstrates this man's stroke of genius. I think a round of applause is due for someone who has done so much to promote awareness on environmental issues both at home and abroad.

I would like to leave you with a final thought. Coming to St. Petersburg is always a treat for me. I have been here many times on business and holiday. I enjoy the city as well as its lovely people. Yet when I leave and I return to Istanbul, it is not often in my daily life that I think of the city. What this event has cemented in my mind is that when I leave this city, I will now think about St. Petersburg on a daily basis. The projects and people that I learned about in my time here have allowed me to make a connection between improving our collective future and St. Petersburg as a starting place. This city and event for me will be the beginning of something entirely new, and while I am returning to Turkey and changing location, I am not changing my frame of mind. I will continue to work towards combating climate change with the information and education that you have provided me while in my time here. On behalf of User Corporation, I thank you again for all your effort