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Dear colleagues,

My scientific cooperation with Dr. Agnieszka Lenart began in 2015, when I found out that she worked on the subjects of Russian-Jewish and Russian-Israeli literature. Since then our relationships in this field have been continuously developing in different ways. I took part in the scientific seminar organized by her in the University of Katowice; she visited in Israel twice and participated in scientific meetings and discussions; etc. Dr. Lenart is a founder and chief editor (together with Dr. Mirosława Michalska-Suchanek) of the scientific journal *Iudaica Russica* – the unique and extremely important project which promises to become shortly the leading platform in Europe for exchange of ideas and development of research in the field. I have an honor to be an editorial member of the journal and to have my works published in it. As well as, I participated in planning and publication of two collections of short stories of Russian-Israeli writers in translation into Polish *Z Rosji do Izraela* – the groundbreaking project that was initiated and brilliantly accomplished by Dr. Lenart and Dr. Michalska-Suchanek. It was for me a great intellectual pleasure to write the Foreword for this volume. I am currently coordinating the international project “Russian-Israeli Literature, A History” (Bar-Ilan University, September 2020-December 2021). Dr. Lenart is taking an active part in this project. We are working on a bilingual monograph. I hope, our collaboration will expand and flourish even more, resulting in further publications and projects whose scientific, historical and social importance cannot be overestimated. For this reason, I would like to invite Dr. Lenart for a research internship at our university. I also believe that any financial and institutional support for Dr. Lenart's projects would be reasonable, effective, and welcome.

With the best regards,



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