

**Supplementary material for the NEWS REPORT “International conference on"Photosynthesis research for sustainability-2016-- in honor of Nathan Nelson and TurhanNejat Veziroğlu”, held on June 19-25, 2016, in Pushchino, Russia, by A. A. Tsygankov, S. I. Allakhverdiev, T. Tomo, and Govindjee**

This supplementary material is divided into three sections: **A.** Chairpersons of poster viewing and discussions, and members of the selection committee; **B.** Messages received by Sulyeman Allakhverdiev & Anatoly Tsygankov; and **C.** Additional photographs

**A. Chairpersons of poster viewing and discussions, and members of the selection committee**

*The members (in alphabetical order) of the group that selected and nominated the names of young researchers for the awards were:*

Seiji Akimoto (Japan), Marián Brestic (Slovakia), Vasiliy Goltsev (Bulgaria), Kentaro Ifuku (Japan), Olaf Kruse (Germany), Eugene Maksimov (Russia), Gadi Schuster (Israel), Kintake Sonoike (Japan), Rajagopal Subramanyam (India), Tatsuya Tomo (Japan), Iftach Yacoby (Israel), and Marek Živčák(Slovakia)

*The following were members of the selection committee for the awardees (listed in alphabetical order):*

Suleyman Allakhverdiev (Russia), James Barber (UK), Barry Bruce (USA), Julian Eaton-Rye (New Zealand), Gyozo Garab (Hungary), Govindjee(USA), Tatsuya Tomo (Japan) and Anatoly Tsygankov (Russia)

**B. Messages received**

After the congress was over, both Suleyman I. Allakhverdiev (SIA) and Anatoly A.Tsygankov (AAT) received several wonderful messages, which included those from the following (arranged alphabetically): James Barber (UK); Chris Garvey (Australia); Patrick Hallenbeck (Canada); Anjana Jajoo (India); Jianguo Liu (China); Sonal Mathur (India); Norio Murata (Japan); Jose A. Navarro (Spain); Hannah and Nathan Nelson (Israel); Marc Nowaczyk (Germany); Kimiyuki Satoh (Japan); Toshiyuki Shinoda (Japan); Rajagopal Subramanyam (India); Arjun Tiwari (Finland); Guiseppe Torsillo (Italy), Yoshifumi Ueno (Japan); T. Nejat Veziroglu (USA); - Ada Yonath (Israel). Two of the authors (Govindjee (G) & Tatsuya Tomo, TT) of this News Report also wrote to SIA and Anatoly A. Tsygankov, AAT (key organizers of the conference) thanking

them for a most wonderful and successful conference.

*Excerpts (slightly edited by Govindjee) from some of the letters follow:*

**James Barber (UK):** “Thank you for organizing an excellent conference and making it possible for me to attend. ....Please give my thanks to all your friends who helped you.”

**Nathan (and Hannah) Nelson (Israel):** “We arrived home safely with enormous appreciation and gratitude for the Pushchino meeting you, with others, organized to honor me and Dr. NejatVeziroglu. You were the *mastermind* behind it all. *As a conductor, you chose wonderful people for this orchestra.* We were taken care of very well from the moment we arrived at the airport till the time we left. Our thanks to Anatoly and all the rest of the dedicated organizing staff headed by Marina.”

**T. Nejat Veziroglu (USA):** “First I would like to thank you very much for honoring me at the International Conference Photosynthesis Research for Sustainability, and for all the courtesies you extended to me, to my family and to my brother. We all appreciate it very much. Again, we thank you very much for everything. “

**Chris Garvey (Australia):** “Thanks for the (memorable) experience at the conference in Pushchino. If you could send me some photographs of the conference, I will promote the 2017 meeting in Hyderabad, India, among my Australian colleagues.“

**P. Rajagopal Subramanyam (India):** “*..Scientific talks at the Pushchino conference were very good and moreover, your local organizing committee team was fabulous. ... I will update you further regarding the 8th International Conference on “Sustainability” to be held in Hyderabad in 2017 –it will honor three outstanding scientists: William Cramer (Purdue University,Lafayette, IN, USA); Govindjee (University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Urbana, IL, USA); and A.S. Raghavendra ( University of Hyderabad, Hyderabad, India)”*

**Kimiyuki Satoh (Japan):** “My stay in Pushchino attending the 7th International Conference on Photosynthesis Research for Sustainability was very pleasant. ....The discussions I had with your colleagues and old friends were most enjoyable and stimulating. I would also like to express my appreciation for the many Russian scientists who helped us coordinate the scientific, social and logistical aspects of the Conference. Please convey my thanks to Dr. Anatoly Tsygankov and the other members of the Organizing Committee.”

**Toshiyuki Shinoda (Japan):** “...At the PRS2016 conference, I discussed our research

with many participants and received a lot of wonderful advice, and new ideas; it was indeed very beneficial to me. To add to our pleasure, we also saw beautiful sights in Moscow, fantastic museums, and above all, a very enjoyable evening cruise in Moskva river; I had a great time during my stay in Russia.”

**Arjun Tiwari (Finland):** “Thank you very much for your great hospitality and successfully organizing such a great event. Please thank all the others in Pushchino, especially Marina; Zinaida; and Maria.”

**Marc Nowaczyk (Germany):** “...I greatly appreciated the kind assistance and support by you and your wonderful team that made this meeting an exceptional experience forme. You did a perfect job - thank you so much!”

**Sonal Mathur (India):** “Thanks for your generosity and help and special thanks for such a nice hospitality. Everything was really good and comfortable. It was such a nice experience meeting scientists from all over the world and sharing their experiences.”

**Jose A. Navarro (Spain):** “Just to thank you again for organizing this fantastic meeting in Pushchino and for giving us all your attention. Of course, my appreciation extends to all your collaborators. I really want to attend future meetings in this series.”

**Ada Yonath (Israel) :** Thanks for organizing such a great conference

**See the following pages for the photographs (S1—S7)**

### C. Photographs

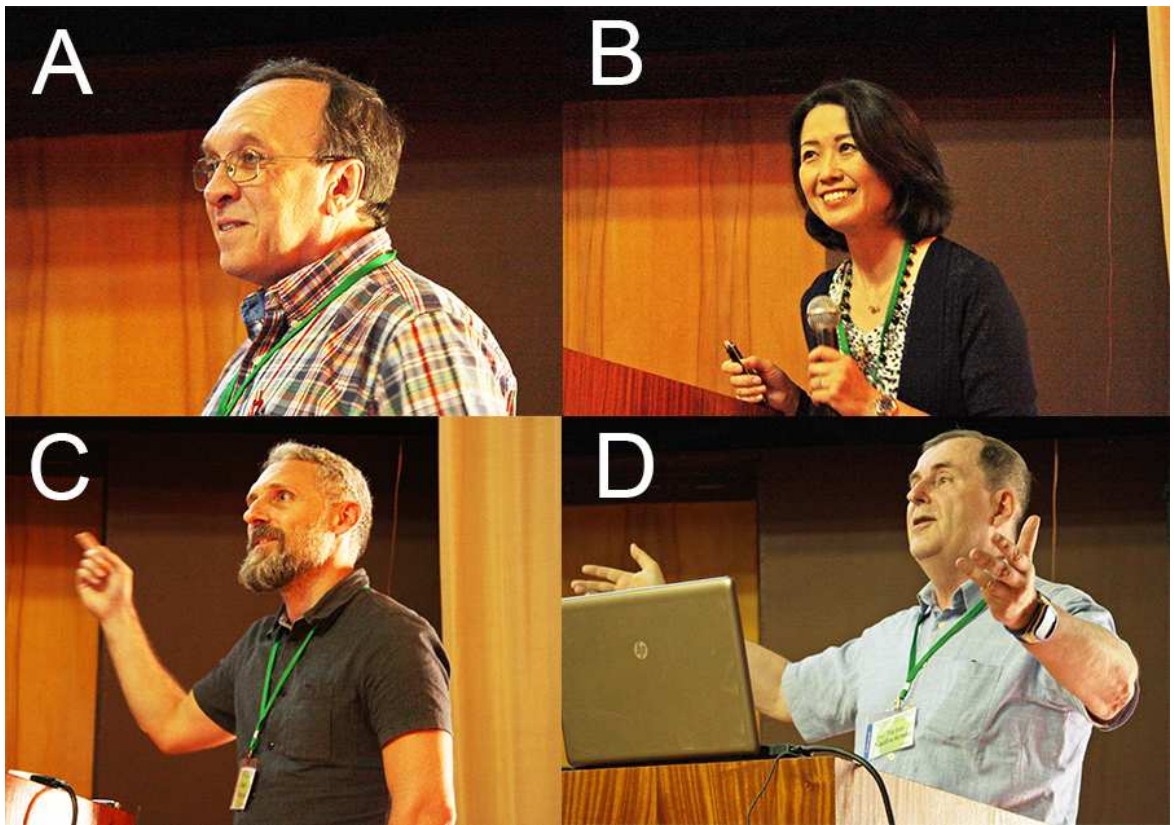
We show below additional photographs to cover the international character of this conference.



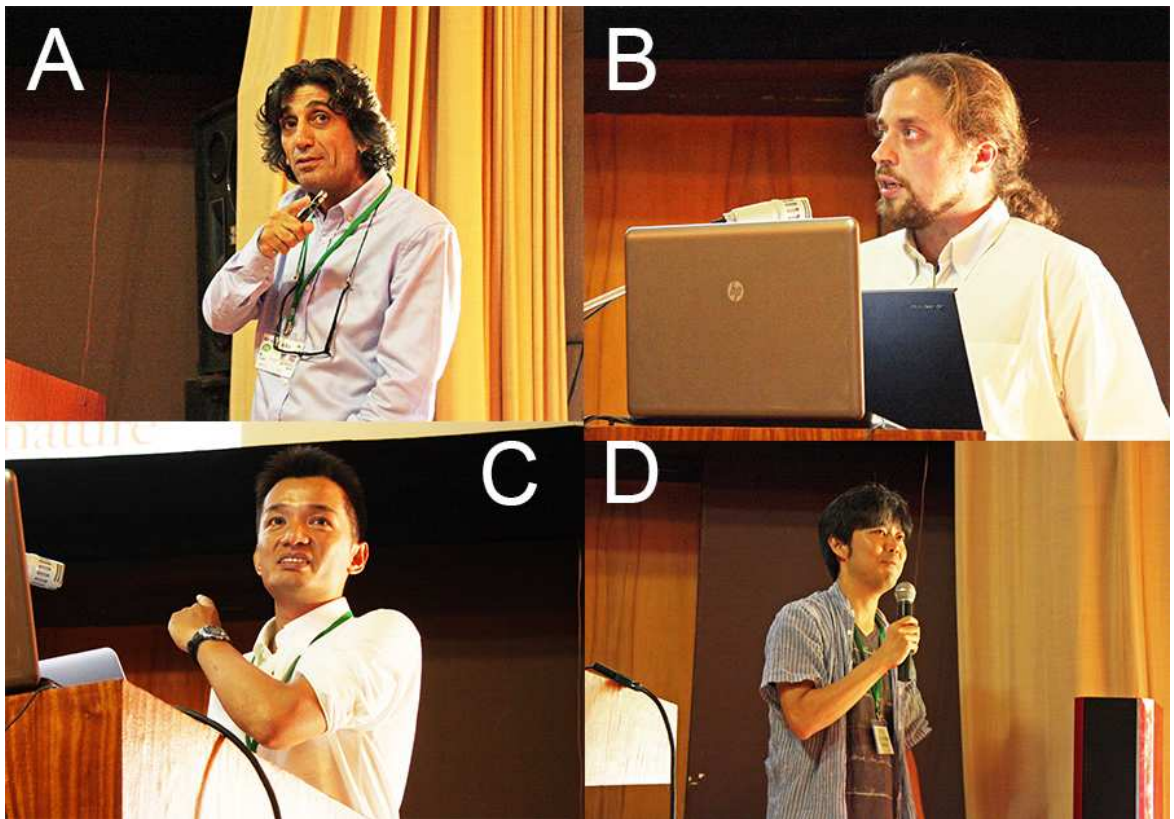
**Fig. S1.** Photographs taken at the banquet. **A:** *Left to right:* Eugene Lysenko (Russia), Tatyana Fedorchuk (Russia), Vasilij Goltsev (Bulgaria), Eva Pšidová Slovakia) and Marián Brestick (Slovakia). **B:** *Front row (left to right):* Nataly Belyaeva (Russia), Franz-Josef Schmitt (Germany), Marc M. Nowaczyk (Germany), and Volker Hartmann (Germany). *Back row (left to right):* Jörg Pieper (Estonia), Maksym Golub (Estonia) and Thomas Friedrich (Germany). **C:** *Left to right:* Olaf Kruse (Germany), Giuseppe Torzillo (Italy), José A. Navarro (Spain) and Győző Garab (Hungary). **D:** *Front row (left to right):* Sonal Mathur (India), and Anjana Jajoo (India); standing behind them is Konstantin Neverov(Russia)



**Fig. S2.** Photographs at banquet (continued). **A:** *Left to right:* Barry Bruce (USA), and Allakhverdiev I. Suleyman (Russia) . **B:** *Left to right:* Kimiyuki Satoh (Japan), and Rachel Nechustai (Israel). **C:** *Left to right:* Julian J. Eaton-Rye (New Zealand), and Norio Murata (Japan). **D:** The group dancing in a ring—it was fun



**Fig. S3.** Photographs of some of the speakers taken during their presentations. **A:** Alexey Semenov (Russia). **B:** Miwa Sugiura (Japan). **C:** Marc M. Nowaczyk (Germany). **D:** Victor Nadtochenko (Russia)

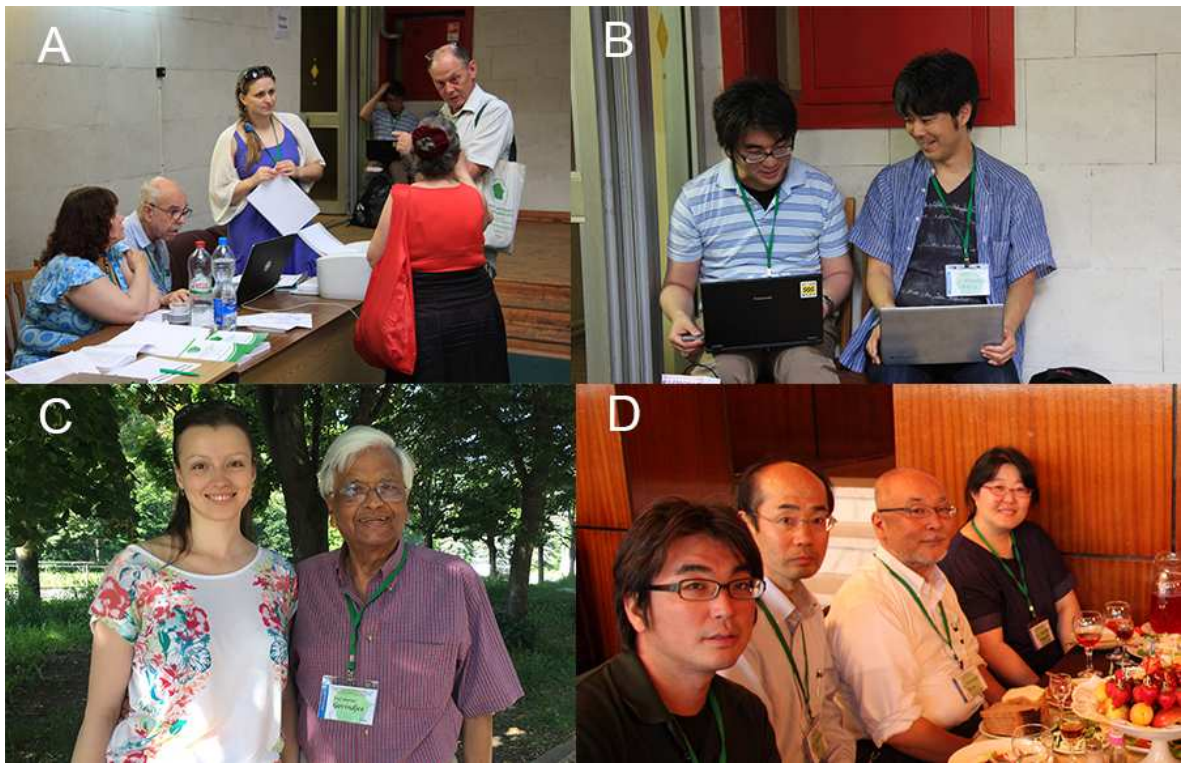


**Fig. S4.** Photographs of some of the speakers taken during their presentations (continued). **A:** Mahir Mamedov (Russia). **B:** Franz-Josef Schmitt (Germany). **C:** Kentaro Ifuku (Japan). **D:** Hiroshi Ishikita (Japan)



**Fig. S5.** Photographs of some participants during the conference. **A:** *Left to right:* Nejat Veziroĝu's daughter Lili (who came with Dad and Mom), Nejat Veziroĝu, Govindjee, and Allakverdiev I. Suleyman, when Veziroĝu and Govindjee signed their name to the books given to the awardees ( see the main text). **B:** *Left to right:* Nathan and Hannah Nelson. **C:** Govindjee with students in Russia. **D:** *Left to right:* Kentaro Ifuku (Japan), Seiji Akimoto (Japan), Daisuke Seo (Japan).





**Fig. S6.** Photographs of some participants during the conference (continued). At the reception desk, *Left to right*: Nataly Rudenko (Russia, Local organizing Committee), Nathan Nelson, Maria Leonova (Russia, Local organizing Committee), Hannah Nelson (Israel) and Anatoly A. Tsygankov (Russia). **B:** *Left to right*: Keisuke Saito (Japan) and Hiroshi Ishikita (Japan). **C:** *Left to right*: Anastasiya Petrova (Russia) and Govindjee. **D:** *Left to right*: Keisuke Saito (Japan), Hisashi Ito (Japan), Tatsuya Tomo (Japan) and Mariko Miyachi (Japan).



**Fig. S7.** A photograph taken at the conference, all are from Russia. Left to right: Maria Leonova; Anastasiya Petrova; Nataly Rudenko with her son Seva; Zinaida Eltsova; Marina Kozuleva; and Tatyana Fedorchuk