

Dear friends and colleagues at University of Latvia,

**It is a great please for me to write this letter to you when the Institute of Atomic Physics and Spectroscopy is celebrating its 30 years anniversary!**

I started my collaboration with University of Latvia when Uldis Berzinsh came for a postdoc to Gothenburg in 1990, and when I visited Riga in connection with the ECAMP conference in 1992.

Hence, the collaboration between Universities of Gothenburg and Latvia spans the whole life of the Institute of Atomic Physics and Spectroscopy as well as the independency of Latvia.

We have over all these years had a very enjoyable and fruitful collaboration, where the next activity is when Janis Alnis, Uldis Berzinsh and Janis Snikeris will join our experimental campaign at CERN in late April.

With this I congratulate the Institute of Atomic Physics and Spectroscopy on its birthday and hope that your collaboration will continue for many years to come. I wish you an memorable event and regret that I cannot join you in person.

With best regards

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