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Dear Professor Gonchar,

On behalf of the London Mathematical Society I am writing to offer my congratulations on achieving your 80th Birthday.

We have worked with you for many years on the journals of the Russian Academy of Sciences and you have been an excellent friend to the Society and promoted a strong friendship between British and Russian Mathematicians through many different political eras.

Your distinguished service as Editor of Sbornik has helped to maintain the high standards and traditions of mathematics in Russian.

The Russian Academy of Sciences will be honouring your service to Russian Mathematics next week and we would like to add the voice of the LMS, albeit at a distance, when they raise a glass in your honour.

We hope you have an enjoyable 80th Birthday and look forward to seeing you here again, next year in London.

Yours sincerely,

Professor Angus MacIntyre, FRS

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