



**Message of the Secretary-General of the World Meteorological Organization on the occasion of the 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Russian Meteorological Bulletin**

On behalf of the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) and on my own behalf, I wish to congratulate the Russian *Meteorological Bulletin* for its 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

The *Meteorological Bulletin* was the first such publication in Russia covering weather and climate issues and in its 125 years of its existence it became the reference publication for the professional community of meteorologists and a wider range of readers.

The publication of the first issue of the *Meteorological Bulletin* in 1891, on the initiative of Heinrich von Wild, then President of the International Meteorological Organization (IMO), and under the auspices of the Russian Meteorological Society, represented the culmination of an important reorganization of meteorology in Russia. Starting in 1835, meteorological observations became systematic. Thirty years later, the Central Physical Observatory was receiving hourly observations from eight stations and monthly journals from up to forty-eight private observers, with standards comparable to those of the most advanced institutes in the world.

Since 1935 the bulletin became *Meteorology and Hydrology* and today it is connected to Roshydromet, the Federal Service for Hydrometeorology and Environmental Monitoring of Russia. It is one of the most important scientific journals in its field, and not only in Russia, covering meteorology, hydrology, environmental pollution and natural disasters.

It is thanks to journals such as the *Meteorological Bulletin / Meteorology and Hydrology* that the hydrometeorological community has its voice to disseminate scientific findings and popularize meteorological science.

Once again, it is my pleasure to congratulate the Russian *Meteorological Bulletin* for its 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary and its achievements. Happy birthday and many happy returns!