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To our Esteemed Colleague and Friend, Olga Anatolievna:

On behalf of the University of California's Department of Slavic Languages and Literatures it gives me great pleasure to congratulate you on the occasion of the fiftieth anniversary of Moscow State University's Laboratory for Computational Lexicography. The Laboratory has, in its distinguished history, made many important contributions to the development of computational methods in the study of language, poetics and stylistics. Already in the 1980s members of our Department, including Professors Dean Worth and Michael Flier, had the privilege of working on collaborative projects with the founder and first director of the Laboratory, Vladislav Mitrofanovich Andriushchenko, and since then many of us have had the privilege, not only of working with members of your collective, but presenting our own research and benefitting from regular discussions with your researchers. We particularly appreciate the breadth of the work carried out by the laboratory in such diverse fields as genre-stylistic analysis, the creation of text corpora, and the extraordinary range of dictionary compilations you have produced. These have provided invaluable tools for us in our own research. May your next half-century of work be as productive as the first, and may our increasingly global efforts serve as models of scholarly exchange and mutual enrichment.

With best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ronald Vroon'.

Ronald Vroon  
Professor and Chair