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Esteemed Academy Members:

It is my honor to send these congratulations on the day you celebrate fifty years of history and achievement.

During these fifty years, you have trained and mentored three generations of leaders, not only in the fields of history, archaeology, and technology, but in methodology that interfaces all three of them. You have identified and uncovered the most important sites of the Russian Far East, and through them you have written the history of a much larger region. Not one year has gone by without the announcement of a major excavation or a major publication.

The Institute has hosted countless conference and has opened its resources to individual researchers even as you have guided the research of a field. Every conference and every publication exemplifies the highest standards of research; many of them open new areas of scholarly discourse.

For half-a-century, the Institute of History, Archaeology and Technology has inspired and supported the work of researches across the world. Your willingness to answer questions and share results is exemplary. I am one whose research has been so profoundly influenced by the work of your members.

All who do research on the history, archaeology, and technology of the Russian and greater Far East look forward to your next half-century of research and achievement. On behalf of my department and the Penn Museum, I send heartfelt congratulations today.

Your sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Nancy Shatzman Steinhardt".

Nancy Shatzman Steinhardt
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