

A contribution from Umberto Veronesi Foundation

Dear Editor,

I have read with great interest your Editorial *Science in Ukraine is bleeding*.¹ As a scientist, I strongly feel that researchers should pay both human and scientific attention to the tragedy occurring to Ukrainian scientists, since the Russian invasion.

Moreover, your Editorial ends with a wish that science collaboration will succeed in promoting peaceful initiatives in Ukraine and mentions *Science for Peace*, a project launched in 2009 by the oncologist Umberto Veronesi, to propose that science may and must contribute, with sound initiatives, to promote peace in the world. This project has generated a concrete initiative: a yearly Conference, initially named *Science for Peace* and, more recently (since 2020), *Science for Peace and Health*, to gather world experts in science, in socio-economic and cultural issues (of which 16 Nobel Prizes), governmental institutions and citizen representatives. This project, linking science and peace, has two main objectives:

1. To spread a peace-oriented culture and consciousness among the youngest generations (with activities involving secondary schools and universities)
2. To promote higher investments in scientific research and peace initiatives, also by reducing military investments.

As the President of the Scientific Council of the Umberto Veronesi Foundation (a 20-year old institution which promotes the vision and the mission of its Founder), I can witness that we are conducting an everyday effort to support scientific research in Ukraine as a springboard of peace building.

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