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Dear Professor Zilitinkevich

HONORARY DOCTORATE: DSc (honoris causa)

The Faculty of Natural and Agricultural Sciences at the University of Pretoria has nominated you for an honorary doctorate. I am pleased to inform you that the Council of the University subsequently decided that the degree DSc (honoris causa) should be conferred on you. On behalf of the University, I wish to congratulate you on receiving the University's highest form of recognition.

The honorary doctorate gives recognition to your pioneering contribution and leadership role in the field of atmospheric sciences. Your work on and the scientific breakthroughs achieved in, particularly, the theory of Geophysical Turbulence and Atmospheric Boundary Layers over the past decades have enriched and dramatically changed current understanding of the physics of the atmosphere and the climate system, which is of paramount importance in view of the concerns about global warming and climate change.

The University would be honoured if you were to agree to accept this award. Should you decide to do so, the honorary degree will be conferred on Thursday, 16 April 2015 at 15:00 during the 2015 Autumn graduation ceremonies.

Would you please advise me as soon as possible whether you wish to accept the degree. Further details will be provided upon receipt of your positive response.

Yours sincerely

Prof CM de la Rey
VICE-CHANCELLOR AND PRINCIPAL