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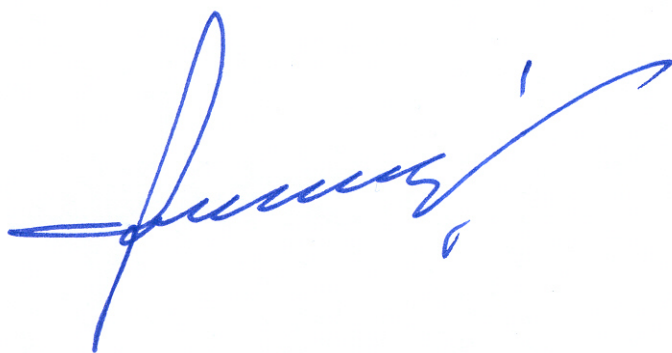
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It is a great pleasure for me to greet the participants of the 11th International Congress on Mathematical Education. Especially the topic of Discussion group 9 “Promoting creativity in math education of all students, seems very important to me. In today world we meet a lot of problems, that we hardly expected 10 years ago. They can not be solved by standard approaches or by efforts of few geniuses only; a hard, diligent and creative work of millions of people is necessary. Mathematics, as one of the mightiest tools of investigating and transforming the world, is irreplaceable in these activities.

There are a lot of countries, in which serious success has been achieved in discovering and promoting even the slightest appearances of mathematical talent. I am glad to mention that Latvia is not among the outsiders here. Without any doubt, the exchange of ideas among world most successful math educators in Mexico will give serious impulses to further intellectual and moral development of the young generation.

I wish a successful work to the participants of the ICME`08 and believe that it will bring also to closer cooperation between all people of good will working in the field of math education.



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