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*Dear colleagues!*

I am very happy that the Witold Lutoslawski International Cello Competition continue its brilliant existence in Poland.

Unfortunately I am already scheduled for the period of this fifth edition - as are scheduled all of my days up to 2007!

Nevertheless my thoughts will go to all of the contestants. I wish to you a great success.

Preparing yourself for this competition through the learning of those highly technical and sophisticated pieces Witold Lutoslawski had composed - opening new possibilities of expression for our instrument -, you are working on your future. This preparation is already a great step forward for your musical activity.

*M. Rostropovich*