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Dear colleagues,

I am delighted to write in support of the *Aspect in Russian MediaBook*, which Laura Janda has been developing over the last couple of years. I think this project is long overdue—as far as I can tell, the teaching of aspect has changed little, if at all, since I began my study of Russian (and probably for longer). Janda’s approach to the Russian verb system is simultaneously much more sophisticated and also more user-friendly and interactive than any Russian pedagogical verb materials I am aware of. Her “holistic” approach to Russian aspectuality is, frankly speaking, so clearly superior to primitive, abbreviated aspect-pair approaches that I cannot imagine how this project will not have a significant positive impact wherever it is used. Here at KU we are open to participating in beta-testing of phase 2, and I am eager to have my students work with this material otherwise.

Kind regards,

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