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Dear Mr. [Name],

After a successful congress in 1992 (around 1300 delegates from 37 countries, 107 conferences and 509 posters), and due to the impetuous advance of science and technology in Cuba and in the World, the Organizing Committee of the events "Biotecnologia Habana" envisages the need to shorten the terms for the celebration of these meetings.

With such objective in mind, and the purpose of simplifying somehow their contents, the Organizing Committee has now conceived annual "Biotecnologia Habana" events, with two alternating themes "Medical Applications of Biotechnology", and "New Opportunities in Plant, Animal and, Industrial Biotechnology".

With this new type of organization, from November 26 to December 3, 1994, we have celebrated our congress Biotecnologia Habana'94 in the area of our Center for Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology, devoted to the first of these subjects. While the Organizing Committee foresaw that a division of themes would result in a reduction of the extension of the meetings, in terms of number of delegates and presentations, the response to our notice has been such that we were close to the total figures we had in 1992: around 100 conferences, 350 posters, and close to 1000 delegates from 32 countries. Within a difficult economic situation in Cuba and worldwide, the magnitude of this meeting is an important stimulus for us.

In parallel with the scientific sessions, a commercial exhibition of research materials and equipments for biotechnology took place. The congress had been organized in nine scientific sessions covering different branches of the application of biotechnology to health.

The sessions were:

- Prevention of Disease.
- Quality Assurance & Control.
- Diagnostics & Immunotechnology.
- Biomolecular Structure.
- Cellular and Molecular Biology.
- Production of Biomolecules.
- Therapy with Biomolecules.
- Carbohydrates.
- Biotransform & Rural Development.

Each session was presided by the head of the division that in our center is dedicated to each of these tasks, 67 top level speakers from prestigious institutions all over the world were invited to deliver speeches and provided an adequate environment for discussion that resulted in a fruitful information exchange and opened new relationships between scientists and institutions.

In general this event surpasses our own expectatives and encourage us for the organization of "Biotecnologia Habana'95". Each new year, having more experience, we are committed to achieve a better organization.

For this congress the aid provided by the UNIDO in the form of the project 94/146P covering part of the total expenditures was in our view essential for the good quality of the Latin American delegation, and the participation of researchers and students from our developing countries, in this sense we take this opportunity to express UNIDO the testimony of our greatest consideration and gratitude.

Please find enclosed the accounting information (preliminary and definitive), the program of the congress and the short reports book, do not hesitate in to contact us for any other purpose if necessary.

Sincerely yours,



Dr. Manuel Jimonta,
Director General, CIGB.
President Organizing Committee,
Biotecnologia Habana '94.