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Dear International Conference participant:

Our plans are developing well and this letter will update you on individuals that have accepted an invitation as well as those still on a tentative list.

Accepted

U. Safriel, Israel
M. Seely, Namibia
K. Laine, Finland
R. Wein, Canada
J. Schaller, West Germany
P. Beets, New Zealand
W. Laurenroth, Central Plains LTER
W. Whitford, Jornada LTER
J. Melillo, Harvard Forest LTER
J. Yarie, Bonanza Creek LTER
G. Shaver, Toolik Lake LTER
J. Franklin, LTER network chairman
D. Strebel, Versar, NASA data management program
S. Storch, BBN, networking/communications

Tentative

F. Andersson, Sweden
C. Montana, Mexico
B. Walker, Australia
W. Heal, Scotland
F. Garcia Novo, Spain
H. Shugart, Virginia Coast LTER
M. Farrell, Oak Ridge Natl. Lab

We also anticipate that Diane Wickland, NASA Headquarters, and Ruth DeFries, National Academy of Sciences will attend as viewers. We intend to keep the groups small to maintain a working environment.

We are still planning a telecommunications program for October 4 that will allow us to communicate the results of our work to many other sites over satellite television. We will be able to receive responses from those groups and any modification of our plans will be communicated back with a subsequent telecommunication program the same day.

Lodging has been arranged and will be paid for directly by us. You will be staying at the Albuquerque Hilton (see enclosure). We also will give each of you food/expense money when you arrive. Airline reservations will be made by a travel agent here in Albuquerque and tickets will be sent to you. Unless you have told me different, I will arrange for you to arrive Saturday, September 30, and leave Thursday, October 5. It is important to get the excursion fare rates (stay over a Saturday night) to allow as many international participants as possible.



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The agenda for the workshop is being developed and will be sent shortly. If you have materials from your research site(s) such as posters, information packets, photographs, etc. please plan to bring or send them. We may be able to use such information during the telecommunication program.

All for now,

James Gosz
Paul Risser

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "JG" or similar initials, written over the printed names of James Gosz and Paul Risser.

This was a letter sent to the workshop participants!

Dear Workshop Participant:

Enclosed is an agenda and the list of participants in the workshop as of this date. This letter attempts to provide more detail on the responsibilities of speakers and participants as we see them. If you have comments, improvements, etc., let us know.

For the speakers (1-2 individuals representing each biome have been asked to make a general presentation on the questions appropriate to long-term research):
What are we trying to accomplish? We need to identify the important questions that are common to long-term research studies in a particular habitat. Emphasis should be given to research that will be appropriate in many areas as well as important to current environmental concerns (global change, human landscape use). Please review the questions identified in the Berchesgaden workshop that were sent previously. The key is that the workshop participants represent research sites where controlled, long-term studies can be designed to answer such questions. An important objective of the workshop is to plan for integrated, collaborative research that is international in scope and can address global-scale phenomena. Networking will be important for such collaboration.

For the speakers representing technologies that could be incorporated into such research endeavors: What are we trying to accomplish? Each technology should be presented in relatively general terms identifying capabilities and usefulness in promoting international research. We suggest the presentations keep it simple; however, it still must be impressive to make participants want to use it! During the working sessions, the representatives from the different technologies will serve as advisors and provide more detail on incorporating the respective technologies into research plans. Demonstrations will be especially valuable and we will try to provide any facilities you will need. Please let us know in plenty of time.

For the workshop participants: What are we trying to accomplish? The workshop will be the place for identifying research that can be performed internationally. We have no predetermined research program and your active participation will be critical in developing a plan that can be used to develop the research program. We need to develop endproducts that will be attractive and valuable to attract additional international collaboration as well as resources to carry off the research. We kept the working groups small to facilitate interactions and productivity.

We envision this effort as a real workshop to produce an integrated long-term research program that will be of more value than a collection of programs in individual countries. Our goals are high and this first step is critical. Additional workshops will be planned for continuing the progress of our program developed in October.

Sincerely yours,

James Gosz, Paul Risser

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