



PONTIFICIA UNIVERSIDAD CATOLICA DE CHILE

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Dear Mr. Cassidy:

On the first centennial of its foundation, the Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile -founded in 1888- will start in 1987 a Programme of Activities. This first centennial finds our University in a leading position in the country as to the training of graduate and post-graduate professionals, besides developing an important work of extension towards the national community. At present the University has 16 Faculties with around 1,400 Professors and 12,000 students. You will find enclosed a publication with further information on the University.

Dr. Héctor Croxatto R, a member of our University, has informed me of the interest of the "New York Medical College" in collaborating with the plans of our University. In this context, Professor Renato Albertini has taken contact with Msgr, Cassidy and Dr. John McGiff in order to establish exchange collaborative projects, as well as a



Foundation that will support these activities. I have also been informed of the interest in promoting a joint scientific meeting, of international character. I have been appointed by my University to materialize this last idea, and I have been told that you would be acting on behalf of the "New York Medical College".

As a part of the exchange and collaborative Programme I have the pleasure to propose an International Meeting to be held in Chile in May 1987, in the field of the Medical and Biological Sciences. This Meeting would take place under the sponsorship and with the collaboration of the "New York Medical College" as a public demonstration of recognition and support of that University to the centennial of the foundation of the Pontifical Catholic University of Chile.

We believe it important to propose for this international meeting a subject of interest for the members of the "New York Medical College", like Dr. John McGiff and others, as well as for the various research groups of our Faculties of Biological Sciences and Medicine. In this sense, we have thought of a meeting in which the subject would be "Regulation mechanism of blood pressure and water and electrolyte transport".

The Programme would include a series of lectures

and symposia, lasting for 2 days, with the participation of around 24 lecturers; of these, about 8 could be Chilean, 8 Latinamerican, and 8 Northamerican, two or three of them from the "New York Medical College".

The papers would be published in English in "Archivos de Biología y Medicina Experimental", one of the few journals of international circulation that are published in our country, which appears in "Current Contents".

The reason why we have thought of this date (May 1987) is because the "Seventh Scientific Meeting of the Interamerican Society of Hypertension" will be held in Buenos Aires in the same month. This event is the most important meeting of Northamerican and Latinamerican investigators on the proposed subject. This would facilitate the trip for our guests, and also the attendance of other scientists from the United States and Latin America, since the Meeting could be enrolled as a satellite activity of the Buenos Aires Congress.

The cost of a Meeting with the characteristics mentioned including tickets, stay in the country, publications and information material would be of around US\$ 30,000, which we estimate should be contributed by you to a great extent, be it directly or indirectly.

We have organized in other opportunities international meetings (of which some programmes are enclosed).



According to our experience the programme should be structured between March and May 1986, so as to be able to have information material ready about the beginning of July. For this reason, I should appreciate it very much if you consider this matter as soon as possible, and let me know your opinion at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely yours,

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