Dear Colleagues:

The Forty-Third Midwinter Conference of Immunologists is scheduled for January 24 - 27, 2004, entitled “Immune System Development and Function.” The Registration form describes the housing accommodations and the fees at Asilomar. To avoid delay, carefully complete and return the form in duplicate to the address indicated on the form, not to this office. If you plan to share a room with a registered colleague, please include the name(s) on the form for the Registrar. A spouse or other adult who is not attending the meetings should be registered as a “Guest.” A nominal fee will be required and a name badge will be issued for admittance to the receptions. Postdoctorates, graduate and undergraduate students are requested to comply with the final paragraph on the form.

If you prefer a box lunch instead of the dining room, please indicate your choice of days on the form; the number of lunches should not exceed the number of persons registered on your form. Box lunch requests must be made on the form and if a change is necessary, contact the Registrar before January 16, 2004. The Asilomar Conference Center does not allow us to make changes or additions after this date.

Registration begins at 3:00 P.M., Saturday, January 24th at the MCI registration area in the front lobby. The Conference concludes at Noon, Tuesday, January 27th and includes lunch.

Laboratories are urged to develop posters to present at Asilomar. The Poster Sessions are scheduled for Sunday and Monday afternoons from 4:00 to 6:00 P.M. and will remain on display for the duration of the Conference. The Poster Abstract form with important instructions for completion is due Friday, December 5, 2003. All posters will be shown and the abstract will allow us to organize them into appropriate groups.

The weather in this region is mild and the surroundings allow for informal attire. The deadline date for registration without late fee is Monday, November 17, 2003, and since the Conference attendance is limited to 650 attendees, it is suggested that you register as soon as possible. The availability of space in January just prior to the meeting may be ascertained from the Registrar, Ms. Kimberly Gurney, preferably by e-mail, kgurney5@aol.com or telephone (310) 390-4556 (Pacific Time Zone). For accommodations after the meeting has convened, call the Asilomar Conference Center at (831) 372-8016 and request to speak with our Registrar, Kim Gurney, at the Midwinter Conference desk.

On Saturday evening, the Dan H. Campbell Memorial Lecture will be presented by Pamela J. Bjorkman, The California Institute of Technology. A reception will follow this presentation in the Nautilus and Triton rooms. An exciting Conference has been planned by the Chairpersons, Jeff Frelinger and Mitch Kronenberg. I look forward to seeing you at Asilomar.

Sincerely,

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Executive Director