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Dear Dr. Mysore Natraja:

I have some good news which you may be interested in reviewing. In response to the invitation to exhibitors to set up their booth at the International Symposium on Unique Underground Structures, we received positive responses. Based on these responses, the Colorado School of Mines and the Bureau of Reclamation have decided to go ahead with the symposium, tentatively, planned for September 11-14, 1990. Presently, we are proposing to run three concurrent sessions and four sessions each day as follows:

Morning

8:50 a.m. to 10:10 a.m.	Four papers to be presented each of 20 minutes
10:10 a.m. to 10:40 a.m.	Break
10:40 a.m. to 12:00 noon	Four papers to be presented each of 20 minutes
12:00 noon to 2:00 p.m.	Lunch

Afternoon

2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.	Four papers to be presented each of 20 minutes
3:20 p.m. to 3:50 p.m.	Break
3:50 p.m. to 5:10 p.m.	Four papers to be presented each of 20 minutes duration

Thus, a total of 144 papers will be presented. On the fourth day, we are planning for a field trip.

In addition, we will be planning for a "Spouses program."

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Now, it is time that we meet and decide on the following issues:

1. Selection of subcommittee to formulating "Call for Papers" document.
2. Selection of subcommittee to appoint chairpersons and cochairpersons for the different sessions.
3. Selection of subcommittee to assist in preparation of brochures.

We are planning to mail some 5,000 fliers to interested individuals, consulting companies, contracting companies, equipment and material suppliers. Dr. Ozdemir of Colorado School of Mines would have distributed some 300 fliers (preliminary, of course) to the attendees of the Tunnel '88 Conference in U. K. in April '88 and also to some of his colleagues in France. This is a good start.

The best site for the symposium appears to be the Colorado School of Mines. They do have facilities to hold three concurrent sessions at their Green Center.

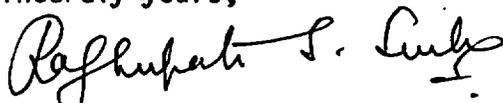
There is a good possibility that Colorado School of Mines may become the host for the 1990 U. S. Symposium on Rock Mechanics. If that occurs, we may consider to move the date for International Symposium from September to June 1990. Doing so will facilitate more people to attend the two conferences together. If the Colorado School of Mines does not get the chance to host the Rock Symposium, then the date for the International Symposium should not be shifted.

To discuss these issues and to provide your input, we invite you to attend the second meeting of the members of the steering committee at the Federal Center, Lakewood, Colorado, building 67, room 1410, on May 24, 1988, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Since you are a member of this steering committee, may we request you to mark your calendar to attend the meeting. Regretfully, I have to reiterate that neither the Bureau of Reclamation nor the Colorado School of Mines will defray your travel expenses to come to this meeting.

If due to your prior commitment, you are unable to attend the meeting, we will like to receive your input either by phone or in writing as it may be convenient to you. My phone number is (303) 236-3994 or FTS 776-3994.

We are hoping to meet with you at the meeting.

Sincerely yours,



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