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Dear Dr. Grabov,

Thank you for your letter of November 12 regarding the Specialists' Meeting in Cadarache. The information is, in fact, the same piece of paper which we received in August. It was inadequate then, and it is inadequate now, since it gives neither deadlines nor addresses to which summaries and nominations can be sent. I hope these deficiencies can be corrected. They were not very important in August, but they are very important now.

One U.S. participant has so far informed me of his intention to attend the conference and to present a paper. His name is Richard W. Knapp. His nomination will be forwarded shortly through the usual official channels.

Now today, I have just received your letter of November 22 giving the deadlines and the places where the papers should be received. It is obviously impossible to comply with these idiotic deadlines. The summaries are required to be in France on December 1, yet the letter is only received in my office on November 29. This leaves two whole days for me to inform potential U.S. participants and for them to get the information to France. This is nonsense. I protest most strongly against this unbusinesslike and unprofessional management of the conference. If the fault lies with the agency, then it should do better. If the fault lies with the sponsoring organization, then it should be requested to do better, and it should be required to change its deadlines.

I will this day forward this letter to potential U.S. recipients and instruct them to proceed as quickly as possible, but that the deadlines as stated are not possible to meet.

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I note further that the full text of the paper is confined to no more than 10 pages, including figures, and that the verbal presentation is restricted to twenty minutes. It is not clear to me that a participant would choose to cross the Atlantic Ocean for such a small participation, but I will leave that up to prospective participants.

Since writing the above, we have received the following additional requests for nominations which are also being forwarded through official channels:

Michael L. Miller - no paper
N. P. Mueller

I hope you will understand that the strong tone of this letter is occasioned by the mechanical and organizational difficulties that have surrounded this meeting and implies no criticism of its technical merit.

Sincerely,

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