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Dear Dr.Lederberg,

As you probably know the next International Congress of Microbiology is due to take place in Rome on September 6th to 10th.

The provisional programme foresees 6 Symposia and over 20 sections. The subjects of the Symposia will be the following:

1) Microbial Metabolism, 2) Nutrition and Growth Factors, 3) Growth Inhibition and Chemotherapy, 4) Host-Virus Relationship, 5) Bacterial Cytology, 6) Actinomycetes.

The Symposia will consist of lectures of a duration of about 30 to 45 minutes, given by specialists in their respective fields; each lecture will be followed by a discussion of about 15 minutes. The lectures of the Symposia will be published in special monographs and must be in the hands of the Organising Committee not later than April 1st, 1953.

The Symposia will be organized under the auspices of the Istituto Superiore di Sanità.

Dr.Harry Eagle who is the Scientific Director of the Symposium on Growth Inhibition and Chemotherapy has suggested that we should contact you to ask you whether you would be prepared to give a lecture within the framework of the Symposium on Growth Inhibition and Chemotherapy on the subject of Genetic Aspects of Drug Resistance.

Unfortunately the Organising Committee has no funds to cover your travel expenses but will be glad to carry your Hotel and maintenance expenses in Rome during the Congress.

Your active participation in the Symposium on Growth Inhibition and Chemotherapy will be a most valuable contribution towards the scientific success of the Congress and I very much hope you will be able to accept the invitation.

If you agree to give one of the Symposia lectures you will receive an official invitation from Prof. D.Marotta in his capacity as Director General of the Institute.

Hoping to hear from you soon,

Yours very sincerely,

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