

MULTINATIONAL TRAINING PROJECT FOR BIOCHEMISTRY
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Responsible Center

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Dear Dr. Nirenberg:

The Interamerican Council for Culture, created by the Organization of American States has approved a project to develop basic and applied biochemistry in Latin America, as part of the broad Regional Program for the Development of Science and Technology. The countries Argentina, Brasil, Chile, Venezuela and México were recognized to have nuclei of trained biochemists actively doing research. Biochemical centers in these countries, therefore, were named "Responsible Centers" and were given the task of training biochemists from other countries of the continent.

In Chile, the Instituto de Química Fisiológica y Patológica of the Faculty of Medicine, University of Chile, was selected as Responsible Center, and myself, Hermann Niemeyer as the Responsible Director for the operation of a Multinational Project with special responsibility towards training people from Bolivia and Perú. In addition, two Active Participating Centers (Department of Biochemistry of the Faculty of Chemistry and Pharmacy, and Department of Chemistry of the Faculty of Medicine) will collaborate in this endeavour. The following committee elected by biochemists from Perú and Chile will advise the Responsible Director in the operation of this project: Drs. Jorge E. Allende (Chile, Secretary), Alberto Cazorla (Perú), Osvaldo Cori (Chile), Frank Marcus (Chile) and Marino Villavicencio (Perú).

The approved project includes the participation of Visiting professors from the United States and/or Europe. These professors would stay in the Responsible Centers for variable periods (one to twelve months) according to the arrangements that can be made and the requirements of the project. During this time, these professors will participate in training courses on a college or advanced level, and will collaborate and advise in the research activities of the existing groups.

The approval of the Regional Program occurred this past December and this did not give us enough time to contact with appropriate advanced notice the people who might possibly be interested in participating. We hope, however, that some of our colleagues might accept to come during 1969. The summer months of the northern hemisphere coincide with the middle of our academic year during which there is a month of winter holiday and therefore would be ideal for the training of advanced students.

The visiting professors would receive their passage and US\$ 1166 a month to finance their stay in Chile. When the stay is of six months or more, extra funds are provided for transportation of one accompanying person and of personal effects.

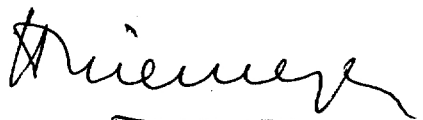
We would appreciate it very much if you would consider the possibility of participating in this program this year or in the following years (1970 and 1971). In any case, please inform other members of your Department and advise us if any of them would be willing to come.

When we have an estimate of the people that in principle are available to participate, we will extend the formal invitation. The selection will be based on our current teaching schedule and the funds available. We are including a form in order to facilitate the arrangements and programming of activities. Please do not hesitate to request any further information that could help you to make a decision in regard to your participation in this project.

Thank you for the attention that you could give to this letter.

Sincerely yours,


Jorge E. Allende
Secretary


Hermann Niemeyer
Responsible Director

Dear Marshall:
February 1969
It would be wonderful if you could come even for a short while. Your presence here could really help us to start this program right. Best regards to Perola and the friends in the lab