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Subject: RE: 2019 novel Coronavirus Global research and innovation forum: towards a research roadmap Feb 11-12, 2020 Geneva WHO HQ

Dr. Swaminathan,

I just reviewed our list of recommended participants with Dr. Fauci, and he asked that I respond on his behalf. First, as to your kind invitation to have him join the meeting, unfortunately his time is entirely consumed as central member of the US government response team and he will be unable to travel.

Given this, he wanted to ensure that the NIAID team was well represented at the convening. Therefore, he recommends that the following individuals join:

Barney Graham, Deputy Director of the Vaccine Research Center
Alan Embry, Chief of the Respiratory Diseases Branch, Division of Microbiology and Infectious Diseases
Erik Stemmy, Program Officer in the Respiratory Diseases Branch, Division of Microbiology and Infectious Diseases
Steven Smith, NIH Representative to the United States Mission to the United Nations and other International Organizations
Heinz Feldmann, Chief of the Laboratory of Virology at Rocky Mountain Laboratories (*pending confirmation*)
Hilary Marston, Medical Officer and Policy Advisor in the Immediate Office of the Director

Many thanks and we look forward to a productive two days in Geneva,

Best regards,
Hilary

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Dear Tony

I am delighted to inform you that WHO is organizing a global research partners forum on February 11th and 12th in Geneva, to discuss research priorities related to the novel Corona virus. The expected outcome is a research roadmap with clearly defined priorities and a governance framework to take each thematic area forward. Several thematic areas will be considered at the meeting, namely: virus, diagnostics; natural history and transmission; clinical; therapeutics; vaccines; ethics; regulatory science; animal health; data/samples analysis and sharing and, social sciences. We believe that this meeting will be critical in consensus building on the most important research questions, as well as in building global partnerships and collaborations to take this work forward.

This meeting is being organized in partnership with GLOPID R and is being supported by the Bill and Melinda Gates foundation, DFID, Wellcome Trust and several other partners. The secretariat within WHO is the R&D blueprint, co-chaired by Dr Mike Ryan and myself.

As the head of an agency that would play an important role in addressing this new viral outbreak, either by undertaking or funding research, or both, I take great pleasure in inviting you to this meeting. I apologize for the short notice, but you will understand that we have had to plan this in the past few days, keeping in mind the evolving situation.

Kindly let me know if you (or your nominee) will be able to attend and if you need any support from us. Please copy [REDACTED] (b) (6) and [REDACTED] (b) (6) in your response.

With best wishes,
Soumya

Dr Soumya Swaminathan
Chief Scientist

PS: Sorry if this is a duplication – just want to make sure the key people receive the invite. Sorry about the short notice!