Dear Prospective Meeting Participant,

On behalf of the 2DCOS-2009 Symposium Organizing Committee, thank you for your interest in participating in the 2DCOS-2009 Symposium. About 100 attendees are expected to attend this three-day scientific meeting which will be held on February 20-22, 2009, at the Rincón of the Seas Hotel in Rincón, PR. The symposium will cover all aspects of two-dimensional correlation spectroscopy ranging from the theory to applications in various fields such as protein spectroscopy, nanotechnology, pharmaceuticals and vibrational spectroscopy. The scientific program will consist of invited lectures and contributing papers presented as posters. No parallel sessions will take place. Our planning efforts for the 2DCOS 2009 Symposium will be focused on maximizing the educational efforts which will include a workshop for 2D-Correlation analysis.

We would be delighted to have you join us in Rincón. We have selected the Rincón of Seas hotel for its particularly beautiful setting allowing for a stimulating experience. Personal invitations are not necessary to attend the symposium. It is an open scientific event and welcomes all persons who are interested and pay the necessary registration fee. For further information please visit http://www.2DCOS.uprm.edu

Financial support is not provided to meeting participants. Airfare, ground transportation, hotel, meals, travel insurance, and any other local expenses are the responsibility of each meeting participant.

Since Puerto Rico is a Commonwealth of the United States you will need a temporary non-immigrant visa if you are an international participant. If you need to apply for a temporary non-immigrant visa to attend the 2DCOS Symposium, you are advised to apply for your visa as soon as travel to Puerto Rico is contemplated and not later than 3-4 months in advance. International participants should start the visa process during September-November 2008. All applicants must be able to qualify for a visa on their own merits under the requirements of the Immigration and Nationality Act. The 2DCOS Organizing Committee cannot intervene with the U.S. State Department or an American embassy in another country on behalf of any meeting participant. You can submit this letter with your visa application to verify the name, dates, location and purpose of the Symposium. A separate, personalized letter can be generated for meeting presenters through the Online Abstract Submittal System to verify whether a scientific paper has been accepted for presentation at the Symposium. Once you have registered for the Symposium, you can also bring your registration confirmation paperwork to your visa interview. However, we will not be able to provide additional visa support nor will we call or generate personal letters to the embassy or consulate on your behalf.

We look forward to your participation in the 2DCOS Symposium.

Thank you,

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