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Dear Dr. Bellenson,

**INVITATION AS KENOTE SPEAKER AND CHANGE OF DATE FOR
THE 29TH CONFERENCE OF THE INTERNATIONAL SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH AND
CONTROL (ISCTRC) TO BE HELD IN LUANDA, ANGOLA, 1ST-5TH 2007.**

The International Scientific Council for Trypanosomosis Control (ISCTRC) is a statutory organ of Africa Union and with its Secretariat located in International Bureau for Animal Resources (IBAR) in Nairobi. The Council was established in 1948 to control tsetse transmitted African human and animal trypanosomiasis by coordinating research, capacity building and timely dissemination of necessary information.

The Council organized the first ISCTRC biennial Conference a year after it was established and continues to date, bringing together stakeholders that are responsible for tsetse and trypanosomiasis problem in the continent, international organizations and private sector to facilitate development of joint strategy. It brings together most of the 37 African countries that are affected by the disease and the stakeholders including International Organizations, Non-Governmental Organizations, Development Partners and Private Sector that share the trypanosomiasis control mandate.

The 29th conference promises to be a watershed meeting in the history of the Council. It convenes for the first time in Luanda, Angola, from 1st – 5th October 2007 where 100 oral and poster presentations will be made to over 300 participants that work directly in the tsetse-trypanosomosis research and control domain in Africa. The Conference brings together most of the 37 African countries that are affected by the disease and the stakeholders including International Organizations, Non-Governmental Organizations, Development Partners and Private Sector that share the trypanosomiasis control mandate. It provides unique opportunities for partnerships and business development opportunities. The conference themes will be preceded by keynote speakers in specialized areas of

knowledge that together with presentations will be discussed to develop specific time bound recommendations to improve the disease management approaches.

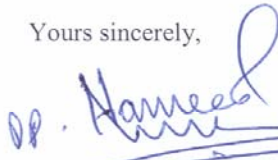
It is my pleasure to convey to you the decision of the Scientific Committee requesting you kindly to present a keynote address on African Human Trypanosomiasis Research and Control. The Committee was guided by your wealth of experience in global coordination of human health management and strong input in pharmaceutical industry.

The time allocation for presentation, discussion and recommendation will 45 minutes. The presentation in MS Word will be submitted to the ISCTRC Secretariat to be published in the conference proceedings. However, the plenary presentation can be given as MS Power Point.

As we look forward to your support and contribution to ISCTRC, please confirm your participation and guide us on any clarifications regarding the presentation.

Looking forward to your further support in addressing our joint mandate.

Yours sincerely,



Dr. Modibo Traoré
Director of AU/IBAR



NB. Please note that the conference date has been postponed from 17th-21st September to 1st-5th October 2007 due to circumstances beyond our control. Any inconvenience caused is sincerely regretted.