

Dear Corresponding Member of the Mexican Academy of Sciences,

It is my pleasure to write to you concerning the election process of Academy officers for the 2012-2014 term, in which I am privileged having been nominated for vice-president. This nomination offers the opportunity to serve the Academy and its members. The AMC plays a crucial role in advancing science and technology by promoting excellence in scientific research, public understanding of science and technology, and advising the government on relevant issues for the benefit of society. The Academy, thanks to the effort and activities of its fellows and Executive Council, has made major advances in implementing and running outreach and educational programs and in expanding the collaboration with other academies and organizations, including the Inter-Academy Panel and the Inter-American Network of Academies. Our Academy on the other hand needs to reinforce and expand its efforts to be influential in the decision-making of policies in science, technology and education. The Academy and the Mexican academic community face challenges to stay relevant and influential and to contribute to the advancement and well-being of the society.

As candidate for the vice-presidency, I am committed to work hard in advancing the Academy goals and pursuing new initiatives. As Academy officer, it will be my responsibility to work for and with the members, to strength and expand the programs and to explore and implement new activities. The operation of programs and implementation of new ones require having the financial and human resources, which are a major component in my plan of activities. Another proposal is the analysis and generation of a strategic plan for the Academy, which incorporates short and long term goals. The strategic plan, which will require participation of the Council, regional and academic sections, program chairs and members, might be instrumental in addressing major relevant issues and in providing continuity to the academy efforts. In the past years, I have been involved in the programs of the AMC and in several national and international academies, societies and programs, including the TWAS Academy of Sciences for the Developing World as chair of TWAS Mexico Chapter, the American Geophysical Union as International Secretary, the International Year of Planet Earth as member of the Board of Directors, Latin American representative and chair of the national committee, and the American Institute of Physics as member of the Board of Directors. In the Mexican Academy of Sciences I have served in various positions, including being elected member in the Membership Committee and Executive Council as Treasurer, which has provided experience on the Academy's programs and activities.

The Corresponding Members are an important component of the Mexican Academy of Sciences, and we feel honored by having you elected to fellowship. Your collaboration in the activities and in the international relations is greatly appreciated and as part of my commitments I look forward to be in close contact and to facilitate and enhance your participation in the Academy.

Our Academy needs to strength its position and influence in the society, expand its public roles, provide sound advice on relevant issues based on scientific knowledge, enhance its international role, and to be inclusive and relevant within the academic community and society.

If elected I will be committed to contribute to the Academy's goals with the best of my capacities and experience. I greatly appreciate your support and advice, and remain,

Sincerely yours,
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