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Dear Dr. Pinto-Coelho:

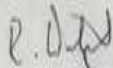
I have been informed by the Organizing Committee of the 26th Congress of SIL that you have agreed to serve as a chairperson of a scientific session in Sao Paulo in July. I wish to express our appreciation, on behalf of the Executive Board and members of SIL, for your agreement to serve in this capacity. I emphasize that this position is *not* a perfunctory honorary appointment. Rather, you were selected because we hope to use your expertise to improve and maximize communication of results in published papers.

Two chairpersons of scientific sessions have been selected for each session of 5 to 6 papers in oral session and ca. 8 papers in each poster session. Two primary responsibilities emerge:

- 1) Session chairpersons must coordinate presentations and hold the lecturers *strictly* to the time allowed. Under no circumstances can a speaker be permitted to exceed the time allotted for his/her lecture among the many (9 to 10) coordinated concurrent sessions.
- 2) By far the most important functions of the two chairpersons of each Scientific Session are to serve as referees of papers submitted for publication in the *Verhandlungen*. Papers submitted for publication must be presented at the Congress. Manuscripts will be handed to the chairpersons at the time of the session. We request that the two chairpersons serve as referees and complete a review of the 3 or 4 short (ca. 4 printed pages) papers prior to the end of the Congress. We request that the papers and reviews be given to the Editor *before the end of the Congress*. A set of instructions will be dispersed at a meeting for session chairpersons scheduled for Sunday, 23 July. We appreciate that this responsibility imposes upon your time at a busy congress. However, if we all work together, the burden is small, and the contribution to SIL and discipline large.

We appreciate very much your collaboration in this important operation. Please advise Professor Tundisi and R. G. Wetzel should you not be able to perform this task.

Sincerely yours,


Robert G. Wetzel