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Dear Professor Bissell,

It is a great privilege to contact you in this matter.

The Council and the Advisory Board of the Signal Transduction Society (STS; www.sigtrans.de) and the Editors of the STS journal 'Cell Communication and Signaling' (CCS; www.biosignaling.com) have identified you as the prime candidate for the STS/CCS Honorary Medal 2015. This award has been newly created in 2010 to honour outstanding cell biologists, biomedical or bioinformatics scientists, who have made landmark contributions in the fields of basic and/or applied signal transduction research. Building on the great success in the last five years, when Prof. Anthony J. Pawson, Professor Tony Hunter, Prof. Carl Henrik Heldin, Prof. K. Rajewsky, and Prof. J. Hoffmann were awarded our Honorary Medal, it is a tremendous pleasure for us to inquire today whether you would be willing to accept our invitation to be the laureate in 2015.

This would give us the opportunity to express our respect and gratitude since we feel that many members of our Society have been continuously inspired by your exciting research throughout their career.

Please allow me to provide you with some background information about the STS: In 1997, the chairs of three signalling study groups of the German Society for Immunology, the German Society for Cell Biology and the Society for Biochemistry and Molecular Biology jointly organized a small meeting entitled "Signal Transduction – Receptors Mediators and Genes" at the Paul-Ehrlich-Institute in Langen. Already at this meeting, we experienced the need for an interdisciplinary consortium providing a common platform for the exchange of knowledge, expertise and reagents for "young and middle-aged" signalling researchers. In 1998, the "Signal Transduction Society" was established as a sort of 'interdisciplinary study group' to more easily organize an interdisciplinary annual meeting. To date, more than 400 members have joined the STS and we will celebrate our 19th Joint Meeting, which is still co-organized by the study groups and supported by several national and international consortia. The STS Meeting 2015 will particularly focus on "Tumor Biology" and will certainly attract more than 250 participants to Weimar. The program is being shaped right now and will consist of a balanced mixture of invited keynote lectures and short oral presentations selected from the more than hundred submitted abstracts. Moreover, in our "one minute - one transparency" sessions, virtually all poster contributions will be introduced to the plenum before being extensively discussed in the exhibition area.



Dear Professor Bissell,

accepting the "Honorary Medal 2015" of the Signal Transduction Society and the Journal Cell Communication and Signaling would include your firm commitment to present an Award Lecture at the 19th annual conference of the STS.

The STS Meeting 2015 will take place from November 2nd to 4th in the Leonardo (former Hilton) Hotel in Weimar. As in recent years, the "STS/CCS Honorary Medal Award Ceremony" should conclude the lecture program of our meeting and is therefore tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, November 4th starting at around 4 pm with a personal laudation followed by the Award Lecture.

Needless to say that the STS will cover your full travel and lodging expenses on this occasion and we would of course be very honoured to host you in Weimar from Sunday November 1st to Thursday November 5th.

Dear Professor Bissell, could you very kindly let us know at your earliest convenience, whether you would be willing to accept the STS/CCS Honorary Medal 2015 and present your lecture at the 19th STS Meeting in Weimar?

If this is the case, the STS Council and Board will proceed to formally vote to confirm your award.

We are very much looking forward to hearing from you.

With our best wishes, also on behalf of Prof. Stephan Feller, Editor-in-Chief of Cell Communication & Signaling

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