Alfred Bader fonds

Correspondence

Paleta, Oldrich / Prague Institute of Chemical Technology 1997-2000

Subject: Re: O.Paleta - Second A.Bader Award
Date: Mon, 30 Oct 2000 13:20:51 +0100
From: "Oldøich Paleta" <Oldrich.Paleta@vscht.cz>
To: Alfred Bader Fine Arts <baderfa@execpc.com>

Dear Dr. Bader,

I informed Mr. Bar-Chaim about your wish to establish a second A.Bader Award.

I have initiated the formation of a Committee for the second Award by a talk with th
Soc., Prof. V. Šimanek.

I asked the Chem. Society to inform me whether a transfer of a budget for the secon
this year or o wait some time, e.g. from taxes point of view or existence of a commi
send you soon a reply to your letter of Oct.26.

I will travel to Japan this week (invitation to present main lecture at scientific c
universities) and have to be back since Nov.20.

With best wishes.
Sincerely yours,

Oldrich Paleta

Alfred Bader Fine Arts wrote:

> *Dear Professor Paleta,*
> *>*
> *When you meet with Mr. Yechiel Bar-Chaim please tell him that I would like to esta*
> *very much the same conditions, but for Bio-organic/Bio-inorganic chemists. If you*
> *my check for $10,000 to the Joint shortly, and that would then cover the awards fo*
> *Bio-organic/Bio-inorganic award for the next three years also, in tandem with the*
> *>*
> *I am sending this e-mail to Mr. Bar-Chaim in Paris also, but as he may be travelin*
> *>*
> *With all good wishes I remain*
> *>*
> *Yours sincerely,*
> *Alfred Bader*
> *>*
> *"Oldøich Paleta" wrote:*
> *>*
> *> Dear Dr. Bar-Chaim,*
> *> >*
> *> According to our today´s talk, I send you the data you have requested also by e-*
> *> Thank you much for all you do for the Czech Chemical Society.*
> *> Best wishes.*
> *> Sincerely yours,*
> *> >*
> *> Oldrich Paleta*
> *> >*
> *> Yechiel Bar-Chaim wrote:*
> *> >*
> *> > Dear Professor Paleta,*
> *> > >*
> *> > I am planning to be in Prague next week, 25-27 October.*
> *> > Might it be possible for us to meet to discuss the Bader Chemistry Pri*
> *> > If you are going to be in Prague then, please could you call Ms. Alena*
> *> > Rubesova at the Federation of Jewish Communities in the Czech Republic to*

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> > > arrange a meeting.  She is in charge of planning my program and can be
> > > reached at 02 24 81 10 90.
> > >         Hope to see you soon.
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Subject: Re: New A.Bader Award - OP
Date: Tue, 24 Oct 2000 09:30:15 +0200
From: "Oldøich Paleta" <Oldrich.Paleta@vscht.cz>
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Dear Dr. Bader,

Thank you very much for your letter of Oct.20 and great generosity that brings much pleasure in our Chemical Society.

I forward your letter to the secretariat and I will initiate arrangements that will lead to the formation of the Committee for the second A.Bader award.

I will meet with Ing. Blahova Dr. Bar-Chaim from the Joint on Thursday Oct26 in Prague and inform him about your letter.

All best wishes.
Sincerely yours,

Oldrich Paleta

Alfred Bader Fine Arts wrote:

> *Dear Professor Paleta,*
> *>*
> *I am sorry that several lengthy trips have delayed my responding to your*
> *e-mail of September 13th.*
> *>*
> *I am delighted to know that your Committee is willing to have two awards for*
> *young Czech chemists. One would be as it is now, namely, for the study of*
> *syntheses, structure determinations and organic reaction mechanisms. The*
> *second would be for chemists of the same age working in organic or inorganic*
> *bio-chemistry.*
> *>*
> *There is bound to be some overlap and sometimes you may not know whether a*
> *chemist fits better into one or the other.*
> *>*
> *What is important, I think, is that no chemist should receive both awards.*
> *>*
> *I agree with you that there should be two different committees.*
> *>*
> *It would make life easier for me if we could pay the $10,000 for each award*
> *in the same year so that in the future you would receive $20,000 every three*
> *years. You already have the first $10,000 for the present award and if all*
> *is well I could send the second $10,000 to the Joint with an explanation of*
> *what that is for.*
> *I look forward to hearing from you and remain with best regards*
> *Yours sincerely,*
> *Alfred Bader*

> *"Oldøich Paleta" wrote:*
> *>*
> *> Dear Dr. Bader:*
> *> > I have the pleasure to inform you that the „Alfred Bader Award" for*
> *> > year 2000 received Dr.,Dipl.Ing. Vladimír Církva (age 32) from the*
> *> > Institute of Chemical Processes, Czech Academy of Sciences, Prague 6.*
> *> > Dr. Církva is an alumnus of our Department and my previous PhD student*
> *> > (excellent and creative). Last two years he was a posdoc fellow with*
> *> > Prof. Zimmerman in Madison and received excellent evaluation. He plans*

> > to come to our Department in near future and to start an academic
> > career.
> > He was selected from four comparable candidates (the last secret voting
> > 5:2). The Award will be given to Dr. Církva at the conference „Advances
> > in Organic, Bioorganic and Pharmaceutical Chemistry 2000" which is held
> > on Nov. 13-15, 2000, Chateau Liblice. The recipient will present a
> > lecture at the Conference about the work that has been awarded.
> > With all best wishes to you and your wife Isabel,
> > Sincerely yours,
> > Oldrich Paleta

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A Chemist Helping Chemists

October 14, 1997

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Dear Professor Paleta:

I am happy to have your letter of October 1st with the list of Dr. Pavel Lhoták's publications. There can, of course, be no doubt that Dr. Lhoták is indeed an organic chemist and a very good one.

I know that the Foundation for a Civil Society is working on the draft of the agreement which we discussed by telephone and which we hope will become a model for other universities. As soon as I learn that you have approved, I will send my check for $10,000 to the Foundation in New York. And then when I visit the Foundation at the end of January, I will make payment for the following two years.

It would give me great pleasure if I could meet Dr. Lhoták during our visit to Prague next summer.

With all good wishes to you and to Dr. Nic and Dr. Lhoták, I remain,

Yours sincerely,

AB/cw

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Dear Professor Paleta:

The Foundation for a Civil Society is just finalizing on sending you the first $10,000 to be used as a grant to Dr. Nic.

There are a few important matters to be discussed and I would very much like to telephone you tomorrow to talk to you and if the timing is convenient, to you with Dr. Nic.

I would like to call you at 9:30 a.m. Milwaukee time, which is 4:30 p.m. in Prague. Could you please fax me whether that time is convenient and exactly what telephone number I should use.

Sometimes in the past when I have tried to telephone you, I have been moved from extension to extension as the telephone operator did not know just where you were.

Among the important information required, is just how Dr. Nic plans to spend the $9,000, and over what period of time. As he surely does not have many students now, he may not be able to spend the full amount the first year, and it would be reasonable to have him disburse the money over a period of years, say, three years.

Of course accounting should be kept very simple and I believe that the Foundation will require only a statement from Dr. Nic stating what amounts were spend, say, to help students during their summer jobs, what amounts for additional living support for students, what sums were spent to send students to chemical conventions, etc.

I look forward to your fax and then to telephoning you tomorrow.

With all good wishes to you and Dr. Nic, I remain,

Yours sincerely,

AB/nik

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Oct. 1, 1997.

Dear Dr. Bader:

Thank you for your letters from Aug.15 and Sept.23. I was quite busy this summer. I took part in the 15th Internat. Symp. on Fluorine Chemistry (Vancouver, Aug. 2-7) where I presented two lectures and 10 posters, then I visited some places in USA (Salt Lake City Univ.(Prof. Kopeček), Gainesville Univ.(Prof. Dolbier, Prof. Tarrant), Nat. Insts. of Health Bethesda (Dr. Kirk), DuPont Res. Inst., Wilmington) and presented here another 3 quite different lectures. After a short holidays I took part in the 50th Meeting of Czech and Slovak Chemical Societies with a main lecture and posters. In fact, I started to work continuously at our university since Sept.15.

First, I would like to inform you that the „Alfred Bader Award" for year 1997 has been given to Dipl.Ing. Pavel Lhoták CSc. (age 34) from our Department of Organic Chemistry. I enclose in the envelope a list of his publications. He was selected as the best by a majority of the elucidation committee. Four young scientists applied for the Award this year and two of the candidates presented the work of very close quality.
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Some time ago, I have asked our Office for Science and Research to find a regular way how to get your support of Dr.Nič without taxing. I had been of opinion that the money will be given personally by you.
However, information in your letter from Sept.23 has completely changed the situation and I am very glad to send you the following message: I have been informed today from the Office (Dr. Štajer) the money can be transferred from institution to institution by an usual way as a grant according to a contract. Grants are not taxed and are given to concrete persons.
(The sum of 5,000-6,000USD for one person is such a "medium" grant, the sum of 10,000USD belongs to bigger grants - for your information).
I was informed in the USA that universities take 30-50% from the grants as overheads etc.. Our institute requires 5% from the grant sum as overheads according to general EC rules.

What to do now ? - to write a contract as soon as possible. Will it be arranged by Prague Office of the Foundation ?

There is arranged a meeting on Oct.14, 9.oo a.m.of our undergraduate students with Mr.Milan Chytil from Harvard University and Mr. Jiří Kašparec from Pennsylvania University (another Bader-scholarship student). I will be present together with Prof. J.Kuthan.

Best wishes to you and your wife Isabel.

Sincerely yours,

Oldřich Paleta

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Dear Professor Paleta:

Isabel and I are delighted to have your fax of today with all the good news.

Over the last 30 years I have given many grants to young assistant professors at American universities - in each case stating simply that the money was to be used by these professors to help their students. In no case has any university demanded any overhead, but your suggestion that your Institute requires five percent is certainly not unreasonable.

These grants are totally different from major grants given by institutions such as the NIH where the grants require the professors to do work in specific fields. With such grants the funds are used to buy equipment and chemicals and the universities do, indeed, take substantial portions for overhead.

As you know, our main purpose for these grants is to encourage Czech institutions - whether it be universities or the Academy - to offer positions to Bader Fellows who will then use these funds at their discretion to help their students. Surely, to take a specific example, Dr. Nic will be able to attract more students and, hence, to do more work with these funds.

I am contacting the Foundation for a Civil Society immediately to see how to proceed.

As far as I am concerned, I do not need a contract and never had contracts with the individual professors we helped. In any case, I am sure that the Foundation will let me know very quickly how to proceed, and I hope that Dr. Nic will receive the first $10,000 in 1997 and then $10,000 each in 1998 and 1999.

I am delighted to know that both Milan Chytil and Jiri Kasparec will be meeting your students on October the 14th and it would be great if someone from the Foundation could be present at that meeting. Also I hope that both students will visit all the other universities and will also refer to the other two scholarships, one at Columbia University and the fourth at Imperial College.

With many thanks for all your help and with best personal regards, I remain,

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Czech Republic

Dear Professor Paleta:

As you know, Isabel and I look forward to being in Prague from June 23rd to 25th and very much hope to have a chance to meet with you to discuss a number of matters.

I have delayed responding to your fax of January 31st and Dr. Drasar's fax to Ms. Hannah Evans of January 23rd - both regarding the Bader Award - because I wanted to ask a number of chemists whether they consider Dr. Havlicek's work to be in organic chemistry. There was, of course, no hurry in my replying because we have transmitted the funds for the next three years' awards to the Foundation for a Civil Society and so you know that we would like to continue the award.

I have asked a number of able Czech organic and bioorganic chemists and also one good friend who is not Czech but spans organic and physical chemistry. The non-Czech is a Nobel Laureate, Professor Roald Hoffmann at Cornell University.

Each of the Czech chemists has said essentially the same, namely that Dr. Havlicek is obviously an able chemist who has published a lot, but he really isn't an organic or bioorganic chemist as it is generally understood here.

Let me not take your time by quoting all the responses but simply cite from two:

(A) "I have looked up abstracts of all papers from 1993 to 1997 on which Dr. Vladimir Havlicek appeared as the first author (7). All of them have been published in journals focused on mass spectrometry. He seems to be primarily interested in determining structures of various biologically relevant natural products - cyclosporins, monensins, ergot alkaloids, various glycosides - by the means of mass spectrometry. It is arguable whether this would be considered as chemistry in the U.S.A. However, knowing the difficult financial situation back in the Czech Republic, I think he is doing state-of-the-art research in Eastern European conditions. I am not an expert at mass spectrometry but the journals he has published his work in seem to be well recognized because our library subscribes to most of them.

(A) continued:

"I have also looked up several second author papers of his and he seems to be helping other laboratories all over Europe analyzing intermediates in their syntheses or confirming the structures of their final products. Those papers have been published in very respectable journals - e.g. Tetrahedron.

"Unfortunately, I cannot clearly decide whether he is an organic or bioorganic chemist. I think he is mainly a bioanalytical chemist."

And, (B)

"The name of Dr. Vladimir Havlicek appears on almost 40 publications. They have very little in common, covering wide variety of topics ranging from synthetic organic chemistry to elucidation of natural products to applied enzymology. Not counting the few dealing exclusively with mass spec I believe I did not find a single paper which would not involve a cooperation of Dr. Havlicek, employed in the Microbiological Institute of the Academy, with another research institution. Although I consider cooperation to be a very positive thing I am afraid that Havlicek's part in it was apparently the acquisition of mass spectra for the compounds of interest plus some interpretation. My feeling about this whole thing is that Dr. Havlicek's work should be best described as **analytical chemistry** of organic compounds. In any case, it is a highly borderline case and I am surprised that the committee picked him as the most outstanding young Czech organic chemist."

Perhaps the most interesting comment came from the one non-Czech chemist, Roald Hoffmann, who wrote:

(C) "Interestingly the Czechs are more interdisciplinary than other central Europeans - I think of Otto Wichterle or even Heyrovsky. Perhaps the thing to do is to delegate a member of their society who is a bonafide *organiker* to watch over the next proceedings."

I think that if Dr. Havlicek worked in the United States, he would not only deserve - but receive - a major award from the American Chemical Society; it just wouldn't be an award in organic chemistry or bioorganic chemistry.

Please don't think for a moment that I am not interested in analytical chemistry such as mass spectroscopy and NMR. You may not know it, but Professor Herbert Gutowsky and I were the first ever to use NMR to prove the structure of an organic compound, namely diketene - see JACS 78 2385 (1956). Of the authors of that paper, Professor Gutowsky is the father of NMR and I am surprised that he has not won the Nobel Prize. But I certainly wouldn't call him an organic chemist.

It was clear from Dr. Drasar's fax to Hannah Evans that he was hurt by my questioning the decision of the committee, and I am sorry that that was so. I am glad to see from your fax that the vote was not unanimous, but rather 5-3, and I hope that we will have a chance to discuss what an organic or bioorganic chemist is in the donor's view, and all such questions will be avoided in the future.

When I checked on the first recipient of the award, I was delighted to learn that you had picked such a brilliant organic chemist, and I said to myself - it turns out correctly - that you would have a hard time finding many such truly able chemists in the Czech Republic.

Dr. Drasar was mistaken when he wrote to Hannah Evans that "It is a great pity that this time no one from your office attended the board meeting." I don't think that anyone in the Foundation office can be expected to know the difference between this or that kind of chemist, and once we understand each other, surely there should be no need to involve the Foundation in approving your choice.

Please do share this letter with Dr. Drasar, if you wish, and I will be happy to talk to him also. He has always impressed us as a man who gets things done most efficiently, and I very much hope that both you and he will understand us and take my advice in the spirit in which it is given.

Isabel and I much look forward to seeing you and remain, with best regards,

Yours sincerely,

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Dear Professor Paleta:

A long trip to England has delayed my studying your fax of October 4th, advising me that Dr. Vladimír Havlícek has won the third Bader Award.

I have now had a chance to study Dr. Havlícek's papers in abstract form, and it is clear to me that he is a very able man and surely one of the best chemists in the Czech Republic.

But how could your committee consider him an organic or biochemist? He is surely a fine microbiologist using mass spectrometry for the elucidation of peptides. But is that really organic chemistry or biochemistry?

Needless to say, I am not suggesting for a moment that you take the award from him, but that at your next meetings, you pick only chemists who clearly are organic or biochemists.

In this connection, please refer to my letter to you of January 18, 1994 stating that *"My wish is that the award be given annually to the best Czech organic chemists 35 years of age or younger."* Please also look at your fax to me of October 6, 1993 which states *"the award will be for organic and bioorganic chemists"*.

My wife and I are about to leave for New York City, and we plan to meet with Mrs. Wendy Luers, the president of the Foundation for a Civil Society, on Wednesday morning, January 29th. At that point, we plan to give the Foundation the equivalent of 330,000kc for payment on the next three years' awards.

Before then, may I have your agreement that the next awards will be given to organic chemists or biochemists?

With many thanks for your help and best personal regards from Isabel and me, I remain,

Yours sincerely,

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