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Subject: Re: date and place of future lectures on Loschmidt

From: "Jiri Damborsky" <jiri@chemi.muni.cz>

Date: Thu, 9 Oct 2003 03:40:35 +0200

To: "Alfred Bader Fine Arts" <baderfa@execpc.com>

Dear Dr. Bader:

Thank you for your latest letter. It would be nice to have a record so soon. I expect some scientists attending my lectures in Japan might be visiting Loschmidt homepage soon and it would be great if they can "attend" your lecture there.

Currently we are testing digitalisation of an audio record from the Austrian radio.

Please, accept my SINCERE congratulations to the honoration of your son. It must be great when you, as a parent, see your children doing well in his life carrier. Please enjoy that great event and good luck with your presentation.

Your,

Jiri Damborsky

P.S. I hope you received also my 8-points letter sent to you after my return from Japan and could see the photos from the event in Ostrov on the Loschmidt Web (section Proceedings). There has been made some changes on the mailing server of my provider - if you do not receive replies to your e-mails from my side in near future, there could be again some problems with e-mails delivery.

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From: Alfred Bader Fine Arts

To: Jiri Damborsky

Sent: Wednesday, October 08, 2003 6:39 PM

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Dear Professor Damborsky,

I am happy to know from your e-mails that you returned from Japan safely.

As soon as I know the dates of my Loschmidt lectures in Leicester, Edinburgh and Glasgow, I will let you know.



Actually I have just learned that the Rochester Institute of Technology would like me to give the lecture on Couper and Loschmidt the day after tomorrow, which is a day when my son Daniel is being honored there. I will inquire whether a recording might be possible.

With all good wishes I am

Yours sincerely, Alfred Bader

Jiri Damborsky wrote:

Dear Bader:

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Could you please send me also more details (date, hour, place ...) of your lectures in UK as soon as they are known? We will announce them on the Loschmidt web in the section Lectures. Thank you.

Best wishes, Jiri Damborsky

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Dear Professor Damborsky,

In response to your long e-mail of last Friday, I do hope that the Charles University will not be able to lure you away. We really do need you as the Loschmidt Professor.

Undoubtedly you will make some effort to learn German and in time will master it.

Of course when you visit us in Milwaukee I will take time to go through the many folders on Loschmidt which we have at home.

I am convinced that Professor Potacek is not so difficult because of you. He would be difficult with any Loschmidt Chair not specifically picked by him. And he has been difficult with us even though he must know that we try to help chemists, not just in Brno but throughout the Czech rEPUBLIC.

It is you who must make the decisions about the 1.4 million Czech Crowns in the Loschmidt Chair Fund.

Please do keep in mind that as soon as a new academic is hired, we will send an additional \$5,000 via the Joint to increase your salary.

Do you know anything about Dr. Storek and have you looked into the work on the other Bader Fellow, Dr. Kamil Paruch, who might be a possibility. As you know, either would get \$30,000 from us, to help his students over his first three years and surely that would help.

Of course when you visit us in Milwaukee you will see our collection at home and also my art gallery.

To turn now to your last question, I am afraid I cannot help you. I simply do not know how academics are evaluated, particularly after they have received tenure. I think the best man to help you will be Professor Kocovsky who I am sure will give you detailed help. So will Professor Noe who is the Dean in Vienna and must know all about such matters.

On Thursday I have been invited to speak on Loschmidt at the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia. There is a hurricane called "Hurricane Isabel" coming close to Philadelphia and I am not certain that I will be able to give that talk. But if I can, I will certainly find out who might answer your question there.

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**Date:** Fri, 12 Sep 2003 23:42:01 +0200

To: "Bader Alfred & Isabel" <baderfa@execpc.com>

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Subject: video tape

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To: "Alfred Bader Fine Arts" <baderfa@execpc.com>

Dear Dr. Bader:

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---- Original Message ---From: Alfred Bader Fine Arts

To: Jiri Damborsky

Sent: Wednesday, October 15, 2003 6:47 PM

Subject: Re: EMBO Young Investigator Programme Results 2003

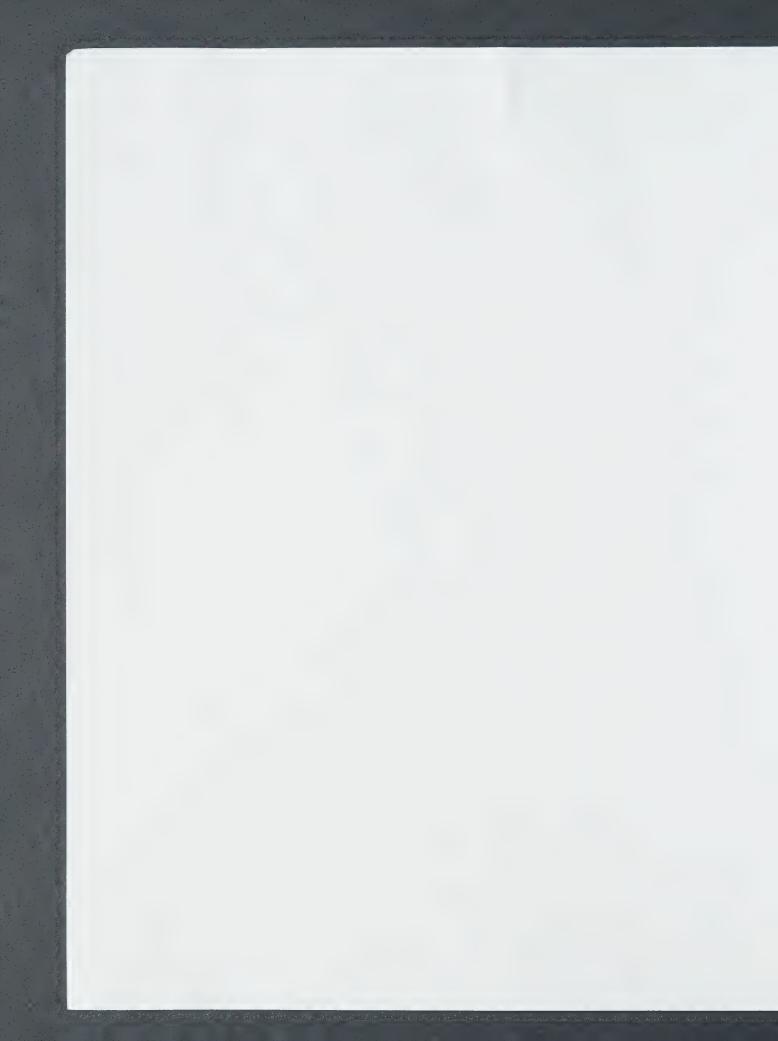
Dear Professor Damborsky,

I receive scores of e-mails every week but none this week will give me as much pleasure as yours of today advising me that you have received the EMBO/HHMI Award, truly a great honor.

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Again, with heartiest congratulations and best wishes I remain

Yours sincerely, Alfred Bader



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I would like to share with you my happiness. I hope that the award  ${\tt EMBO/HHMI}$  Scientist will contribute to good name and of the Loschmidt Chair.

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To: <jiri@chemi.muni.cz>

Sent: Wednesday, October 15, 2003 9:29 AM

Subject: EMBO Young Investigator Programme Results 2003

Project Number: 796

The EMBO Selection Committee is pleased to announce that you have been chosen as an  ${\tt EMBO/HHMI}$  Scientist.

The EMBO/HHMI scientist title has been developed in conjunction with the Howard Hughes Medical Institute (HHMI) for applicants to the EMBO Young Investigator Programme from the Central European member states of the EMBO (i.e. the Czech Republic, Hungary and Poland).

Recipients receive US\$ 26 000 annually for the next three years from the HHMI and some benefits as received by the members of the EMBO Young Investigator Programme.

You will receive further information very soon. Congratulations on your selection. Regards Kim and Gerlind

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Subject: news from Brno

From: Damborsky Jiri < Damborsky.jiri@seznam.cz>

**Date:** Sat, 08 Oct 2005 21:17:43 +0200 (CEST)

To: baderfa@execpc.com

Dear Alfred:

Many regards from Brno. I am sending more news from Brno.

We are currently actively collaborating with the first holder of Alfred Bader Award for organic chemistry and former Ph.D. student of Prof. Kocovsky  $\hat{a} \in \mathbb{C}$  Dr. Ivo Stary  $\hat{a} \in \mathbb{C}$  on development of probes for femtosecond spectroscopy. Ivo and his group will synthesize some molecules based on our design. If successful, we will be able to monitor behavior of waters inside proteins, which is scientifically very interesting.

I have been contacted again by people from PNNL to join the project on development of a new technology for mustard decontamination. Below I am sending this e-mail. It is very good I will have a chance to meet people from PNNL personally during my visit to USA.

The photos from your last lecture in Brno was put on the Internet. You can find them on the address: http://www.alfred-bader.cz/photogaller.html. The web pages about the winners of this year Bader award 2005 are in preparation.

I am looking forward to meeting you and Isabel in nearly one week time.

Best wishes, Jiri

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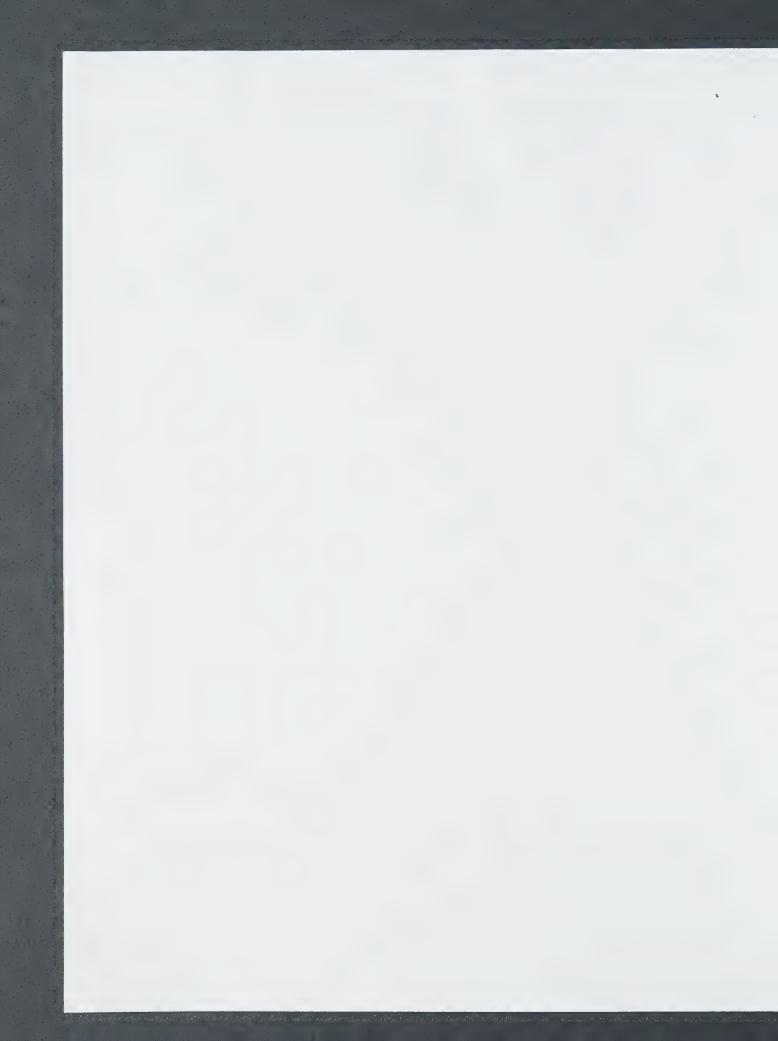
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To: "Jiri Damborsky" <jiri@chemi.muni.cz>
Sent: Thursday, October 06, 2005 12:36 AM
Subject: RE: Greeting from the Us and congratulations on your

success with new enzyme.

Dear Jiri,

Hope everything is fine and you are still planning to visit with us on October 24. I am wondering how will I recognize you when meet at the airport in Pasco on October 23? Let's I have your written name in hands. So that you will recognize me.

I have something to discuss with you and unfortunately I cannot delay this discussion to your visit with us.



A couple days ago I got new solicitation for the Proposal from the US DoD. This is very broad solicitation, however one call fits very well to the concept and technology we are developing at PNNL. I mean the decon of enclosed facilities based on enzymes or enzymatically active preps application. I am wondering whether you will be willing to collaborate with us on this project if we get funding. There is a very small chance we will get the funding because of a few reasons. The main reason is that we have only 3 days to write 30-pages proposal and to do all formal paperwork associated with this. This is incredibly short time and there is no way we could do it very well. However, I am going to try. As we say, who does not risk ever drinks champagne. So, I am going to risk.

If we have more time we could get you as the designated collaborators on this project. In this case it would require a lot of documents from your University and you. As I have mentioned we have no time to proceed by this way. So that we have only alternative approach to propose to work with you , to sign Non Disclosure Agreement and Material Transfer Agreement between your University and PNNL and to use your enzyme (s) along with our composition and delivery system for decontamination of enclosed facilities and sensitive equipment.

If you agree with such approach and if we get our Proposal funded (too many "if"), then PNNL could sub-contract your University with appropriate cost of the Contract.

As for now, I simply need to know if you agree to collaborate with PNNL on the system development. If so, do you allow me to incorporate the data on your enzyme activity toward HD. I mean the data, which is available through Internet. I would also appreciate if you provide me with any data you would like to promote. If you ever work with HD surrogates, please provide these data as well.

Just to let you know we will be working with different collaborators and they will provide us with their enzymes. Enzymes will remained their IP obviously. Whatever we get with those enzymes in application with PNNL system will be join IP with each provider and developer.

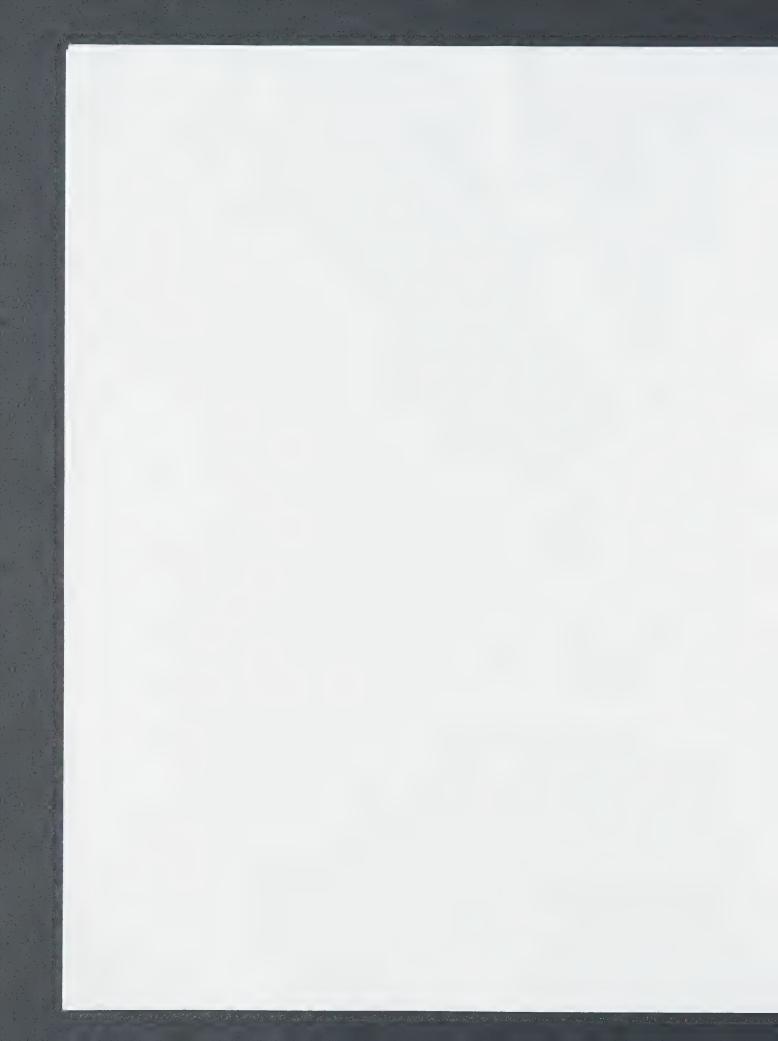
Jiri,

I would very much appreciate your prompt response simply because I have no time prior deadline. The due date for proposal submission is October 11.

Thank you very much. Hope to hear from you soon

Sincerely,

genia Evgenia Rainina Pacific Northwest National Laboratory POB 999, MSIN K2-21 Richland, WA 99352



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**Subject:** the first article from Loschmidt Laboratories **From:** Damborsky Jiri <Damborsky.jiri@seznam.cz> **Date:** Thu, 25 Aug 2005 15:26:59 +0200 (CEST)

To: baderfa@execpc.com

Dear Alfred:

I am pleased to send you a reprint of the very first scientific paper published on behalf of Loschmidt Laboratories. I hope that many more papers presenting good Science will follow providing promotion of Josef Loschmidt within scientific community. Enjoy the article.

Sincere regards,

F.S. Loschmidt Laboratories have not been officially established yet, but I could anticipate this when submitting a manuscript for publication (original deadline was June, later postponed to July).

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Subject: Re: a visit

From: Damborsky Jiri <Damborsky jiri@seznam.cz>
Date: Fri, 26 Aug 2005 22:41:22 +0200 (CEST)
To: Alfred Bader Fine Arts <baderfa@execpc.com>

Dear Alfred:

It will be a great pleasure for me to join you for the lecture and learn about paintings. I am sincerely looking forward to the visit.

Have a nice weekend with Isabel, Jiri

Od: Alfred Bader Fine Arts <baderfa@execpg.com <br/>
Predmet: Re: a visit<br/>
Datum: 26.8.2005 21:11:42<br/>
Dear Jiri,

Thank you for your e-mail of today.

We look forward to seeing you in Milwaukee between Tuesday, October 18th, and Friday, October 21st.

On Wednesday afternoon at 2:30 I have to give a lecture at the Marquette University Law School discussing with students various interesting experiences in dealing with old master paintings. You might enjoy coming with me to the lecture.

Please let me know when your flights have been finalized.

Best wishes, Alfred Bader

Damborsky Jiri wrote:

- > Dear Alfred:
- > Thank you for your message. I am also looking forward to meeting you > and Isabel.
- > I am in touch with Dr. Johnson and Prof. Reardon (Colorado State > University) to find out when they will be available. A few days ago, I > was also contacted by Dr. Rainina from Pacific Northwest National > Laboratory who would like to start collaboration with our group, thus > I may extend journey also to Richmond.
- > Would it be suitable for you if I arrive to Milwaukee on > Tuesday/Wednesday 18/19th and leave to Fort Collins on Thursday/Friday > 20/21st? The exact dates would depend on flights. The discussion with > Dr. Johnson would take place on Wednesday or Thursday.
- > Please, let me know if these dates suits you and I will start booking > the flights. Thank you.

> Best wishes,

Jiri

>> ----- Puvodni zprava -----

>> Od: Alfred Bader Fine Arts <baderfa@execpc.com>

>> Predmet: Re: the first article from Loschmidt Laboratories
25.8.2005 21:09:23

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- >> Dear Jiri,
- >> >> We look forward to seeing you during the second half of October 2005



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>> and I have kept the last two weeks pretty open. But we have to >> leave
for London on October 29th.
>> >> Please let me know as soon as you know when you will be in Milwaukee.
>> >> Fond regards,
>> Alfred
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Subject: Loschmidt diaries installed on Internet

From: Damborsky Jiri < Damborsky Jiri @seznam.cz>

Date: Sun, 19 Jun 2005 01:15:40 +0200 (CEST)

To: baderfa@execpc.com

Lear Alfred:

I am happy to inform you that the Loschmidt duaries have been installed on the www.lochmidt.co section Archivals) today. Everyone in the world can easily read these interesting and valuable historical documents now.

We have started preparing the promotion DVD and exhibition about Josef Laschmidt. Two professionals - historians from Masaryk University - are going to collaborate with me. Promotion DVD will be sent to schools and given to the attendants of the lectures. As part of preparative work, research in the archives in Brno and Frague will personducted.

I will give another lecture about Josef Loschmidt during the first week or J.Ly. I was invited to visit a camp for young chemists (primary and secondary set. 1 students. This will be for the first time when I will talk about Lishmilly in trink in such an audience. Fritunately, Loschmidt's story is so interesting, that even children can enjoy it, I am sure.

Eest wishes also to Isabel,

F.S. Dominika, Pavid and Martina are large fine. We are enjoying our extended family very matri.

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Subject: Re: good news

From: Damborsky Jiri <Damborsky.jiri@seznam.cz>
Date: Tue, 06 Sep 2005 21:06:47 +0200 (CEST)
To: Alfred Bader Fine Arts <baderfa@execpc.com>

Dear Alfred: Thank you for your kind words. They mean a lot for me since they came from You!

I will pass your message also to other members of the group. We will keep working hard for recognition of "Loschmidt Laboratories" and our University. Best wishes, Jiri

I also am so happy that Dr. Prokop was awarded the Barder Prize for Piolianit hemistry. Gradually you and your associates are making the Chemistry Department of Masaryk University really well known.

Pest wishes, Alfred Damborsky Jiri wrote:

Tear Alfred: >I would like to share with you good news that my research assistant Zbynek Prokop was awarded Alfred Bader Prize for Bioorganic Chemistry 1005. I am so happy! > >Best wishes, > Jiri

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Subject: appointment with Dr. Johnson

From: Damborsky Jiri < Damborsky.jiri@seznam.cz>

**Date:** Fri, 02 Sep 2005 06:24:26 +0200 (CEST)

To: baderfa@execpc.com

Dear Alfred:

Dr. Johnson suggested we meet on October 19th at 9 a.m. in Teutonia campus. I am looking forward to it very much - both to meet in person Dr. Johnson and to see the heart of company you have founded. Thank you for suggesting I arrange for this appointment. I would never think about such a possibility by myself.

Best wishes,

Hello Dr. Damborsky,

Thank you for the message.

I have reserved October 19th from 9:00 am until noon to meet with you. I suggest we meet at our Teutonia campus in the administration building. Directions to from the airport to our campus are attached below. If you need directions from another location to our facility, I will gladly provide them.

I look forward to meeting you.

Best regards,

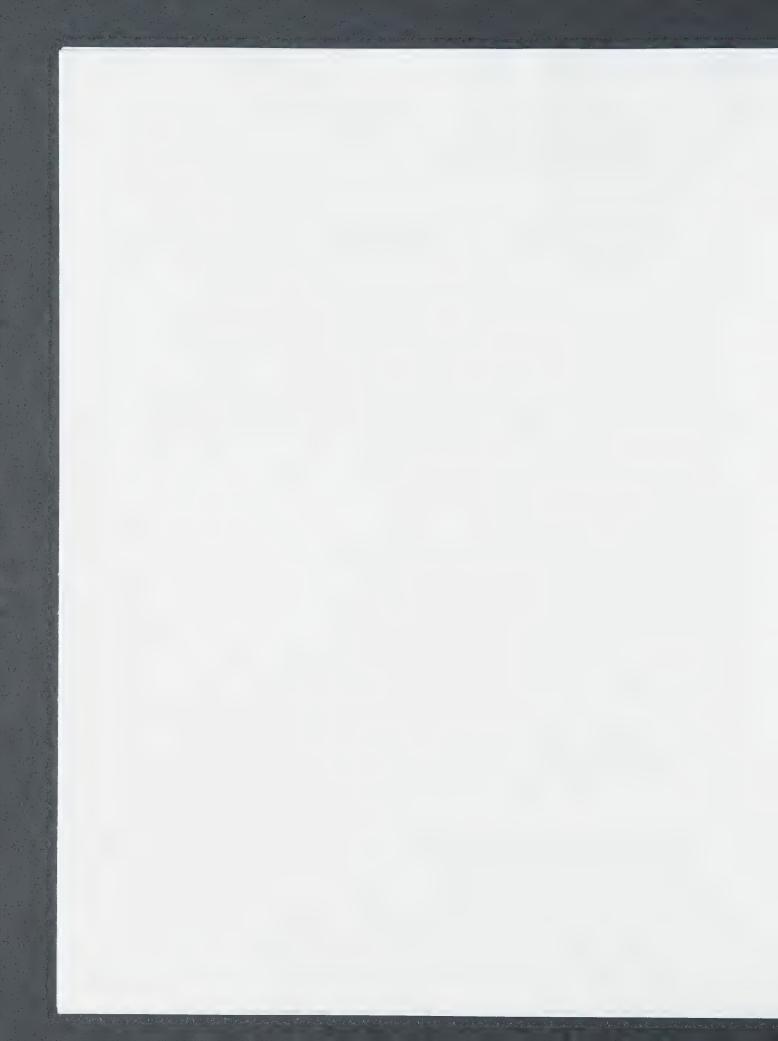
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Subject: a letter from Dr. Rainina

From: Damborsky Jiri < Damborsky jiri@seznam.cz>

**Date:** Fri, 26 Aug 2005 08:42:39 +0200 (CEST)

To: baderfa@execpc.com

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To: wirlamen.man

Sent: Tuesday, August 23, 2005 1:39 AM

Subject: Greeting from the Us and congratulations on your success with new encyme.

Dear Dr. Damborsky,

Recently I have heard exiting news regarding your success with the enzyme capable for HD degradation/deactivation.

Here, at the US DOE Pacific Northwest National Laboratory we are developing ne.: environmentally safe technology for deactivation of chemical and biological hazardous contaminants. We already have some significant success in the alea announcement. I do believe it is because of business sensitivity and I do not expect to receive the detail information from you. Our technology is also business sensitive, but I do believe if we find the correct way to combine two sensitive technologies it would benefit all of us, and more important it would add the quality to current approaches for Mustard deactivation. In the light of current events all around the World I think the collaboration between the scientists is the only possibility to add the quali! ty to our life and particularly to international capability to withstand terrorisms.

I would very much appreciate your response to understand whether you do have intentions and interests to collaborate with us.

Sincerely,

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Best wishes, Alfred

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Best wishes,

Jir:

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Subject: good news

From: "Jiri Damborsky" < jiri@chemi.muni.cz>

**Date:** Tue, 13 Jul 2004 18:03:57 +0200

To: "Bader Alfred & Isabel" <baderfa@execpc.com>

Dear Alfred:

I am writing to share one good news with you.

Dr. Lumir Krejci, very able molecular biologist currently doing postdoc at Yale University in USA, will start working at our Faculty in 2005. I met with Dr. Krejci yesterday and was happy to hear this news from him.

I kept contact with Dr. Krejci during several years of his postdoc encouraging him to come back to the Czech Republic and providing him with the necessary information about conditions at the Faculty. I am happy to see that this indeed seems to be a way of bringing young scientists back to the country from abroad. This gives me a lot of satisfaction and optimism for the future.

Best wishes, Jiri

P.S. Dr. Krejci is working on molecular biology aspects of cancer (DNA reparation system). We see some possibilities for collaboration, but I can also imagine collaboration between Dr. Krejci and Dr. Paruch, who is working on CDK2 inhibitors (involved in regulation of cell cycle).

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Subject: news from Brno

From: "Jiri Damborsky" <jiri@chemi.muni.cz>

Date: Tue, 6 Jul 2004 19:44:37 +0200

To: "Bader Alfred & Isabel" <baderfa@execpc.com>

## Dear Alfred:

Although you may still be unreachable by e-mail, I am sending to you some news from Brno. I hope this letter will find you and Isabel at good health.

I will start with some news from Science, as this is currently my highest priority. I am trying to catch up with publishing the latest results. Our manuscript describing a novel statistical method (called Bi-fi Partial Least Squares Projection to Latent Structure) was accepted for publication. This method will hopefully find use in various fields (biochemistry, food chemistry, ecotoxicology, etc.) where complex data need to be analysed. Two other manuscripts we have submitted to American Chemical Society journals. In the laboratory, we have cloned dehalogenase enzyme to yeast. This should make possible large scale production of enzyme in bioreactors on preparative scale.

My second priority was to issue a patent application. I spent several days on searching electronic databases on Internet to make most comprehensive list of dehalogenating enzymes that could be covered by our patent. Total number is 43 enzymes, which is much larger number then I expected (the list is important also for our future research). The text of the patent is written now and will provided to the specialist (lawyer) for patents this week. After I get beck the draft from him, I will send it also to you and also to Dr. Rosner's sister.

I have two good news related to Loschmidt Chair activities. Dr. Lubomir Janda, able young molecular biologist, who spent several years on postdoc at the University of Vienna, has started working at our Faculty. He will be working 50% at the University of Vienna and 50% at Masaryk University initially, but plan to work full time at Masaryk University later (his family moved to Brno already). Last week I was also visited by Dr. Kamil Paruch last week (Bader Fellow from Columbia University currently working for Schering). He is strongly interested in coming back to Czech Republic and get the permanent position at Masaryk University in about 2-3 years period. I gave him some advices related to application procedure and search for funding in the Czech Republic. We have also found some common research interests that would allow us to collaborate with "Loschmidt Laboratories" in the future (on synthesis of building blocks for pharmaceutical compounds).

Finally, some news from private life. Martina and David are currently at the summer camp for mothers with children. I spent a weekend with them. Now, I am back in Brno, but look forward to take a few days off next week and join my them visiting small cottage 50 km near Brno (we hired the cottage for whole summer). Martina is excited that she can escape with David from hot Brno this summer.

Martina is sending her best regards to you and Isabel.

Jiri

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Subject: letter from Prof. Skursky

From: "Jiri Damborsky" <jiri@chemi.muni.cz>

Date: Thu, 1 Jul 2004 10:12:55 +0200

To: "Bader Alfred & Isabel" <baderfa@execpc.com>

## Dear Alfred and Isabel:

I hope you hade a nice stay in England and enjoyed the summer there. I am missing your e-mails and look forward to continue our correspondence whenever you can make a time for it.

I passed your regards and thanks to Professor Skursky last week. Below I am sending the letter, which he wrote as the reply and asked me to type it for you (he is leaving for vacation today). I should probably tell you, that after I left you in the Hotel International in the evening on June 14th, I took some of the flowers from the celebration and visited Professor Skursky, gave the flowers to his wife (I felt it is fair if she share them with Martina) and also explained to him, that you were tired after long day, wanted enjoy a visit to my family and meet Martina with David. I was very happy to see that there are no bad feelings from his side - I could not wish any better end of the day, which was so special for me and my family.

Best regards, Jiri

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## Dear dr. Bader,

Jiri told me about your unsuccessful attempts to reach me by phone. Sorry, but should you have had only the intention to thank me, there is nothing to regret. In preparing the symposium I only insignificantly assisted to Jiri. Anyway, whatever could i do in some favour of you and Dr. Isabel would be only a minor expression of my gratitude for what you have been doing for the Czech chemists. Several of them are my pupils. Any teacher's relation to his pupils always remember that of a father to some extent. Many, many thanks to both of you

Sincerely yours L. Skursky

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