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Dear Dr Campbell,

I am writing in my role as a member of the Executive Committee of the International Bordetella Society and as a professor and Head at the Institute of Microbiology of the Czech Academy of Sciences, v.v.i., who was elected to organize and chair the 14th International Bordetella Symposium in Prague, Czech Republic, on June 24-28, 2024:

<https://event.fourwaves.com/bordetella/pages>

The 14th edition of the International Bordetella Symposium will be organized in a hybrid format with up to 290 participants expected to attend in-person and over 100 additional participants being able to attend on-line. As you know, this conference attracts a diverse crowd of basic scientists, epidemiologists, clinicians, vaccine manufacturers and regulators.

Dynavax is now a valued member of the Bordetella community and has generously sponsored the previous International Bordetella Symposium. Therefore, I am taking the liberty to inquire if Dynavax would also be willing to sponsor its 2024 edition. In such case, we would like to ask for a sponsorship contribution of $10,000 USD to help offset a portion of the costs of the conference, in order to keep the registration fee as low as possible and thus enable an as broad participation of young investigators form around the world, as possible.

Once the detailed conference program has been set, the logos of the sponsors will be featured on the main conference website with links to the sponsor’s web page, on the program itself and will be acknowledged on slides displayed before and after each session during the conference. Sponsors will also be acknowledged on social media.

Please, find attached a draft agenda of the Bordetella conference that will feature topics from clinical disease to epidemiology to molecular mechanisms of Bordetella virulence to immunology and vaccine design. The meeting will also include a concluding roundtable discussion on pertussis vaccines with representatives of vaccine manufacturers and regulatory bodies.

It is a tradition of this meeting series that cutting-edge research is presented by invited and keynote speakers nominated by an International scientific committee, which is already working on a detailed program of the conference sessions. In the spirit of being inclusive, we will select a fair number of early-career researchers as speakers from the abstracts.

The Bordetella symposium in 2024 is timely, as pertussis remains to be a global problem and after its decline in the COVID-19 pandemic period, the first reports on pertussis resurgence are already emerging. It can thus be expected that we will witness a massive resurgence of pertussis in upcoming year(s) world-wide. Therefore, we will invite researchers from both developed, as well as low and middle-income countries to present on pertussis epidemiology in-person, or by a video link.

Let me conclude that we would be most grateful if Dynavax would consider this sponsorship request, and that we hope to see you and further representatives of Dynavax at the Bordetella conference in Prague in June 2024.

Sincerely yours,

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