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Dear Prof. Mañay:

On behalf of the International Medical Geology Association (IMGA) we are pleased to inform you of the selection of Montevideo, Uruguay as the next venue for the 3rd **Hemispheric Conference on Medical Geology** to be held in October 2009.

On behalf of IMGA Executive Committee and its over 500 members worldwide, we would be grateful if you would accept our invitation to serve as the next General Chairman for this international event.

The aim of this 3rd Hemispheric Conference on Medical Geology (3rd HMedGeo) is to bring together scientists from South America, Central and North America, Canada, and the Caribbean Basin to share the most recent advances and latest information on Medical Geology research with particular emphasis on this part of the globe.

The 1st HMedGeo was organized in Puerto Rico with participation from over 50 delegates and with representation from each of the regions. The 2nd HMedGeo was recently organized in Atibaia, Brazil with over 150 participants bringing together a wide range of disciplines in geosciences and biomedical research with particular interest on Medical Geology.

A list of the research topics which make the scientific program for the HMedGeo conference series are: soils, water, air and public health; environmental epidemiology, environmental monitoring, and disease surveillance; emerging and re-emerging diseases and medical geology; topical diseases and their impact on human and animal health; geochemical mapping and human health databases; risk analysis and risk communication/management in medical geology; veterinary medicine and medical geology; environmental medicine, toxicology and environmental geochemistry; environmental and forensic geology; analytical toxicology (e.g., trace element speciation) and geochemical tools in medical geology; trace elements, metals and metalloids and nutrition; environmental bioremediation of contaminated sites.

IMGA is pleased to work with you and with the Universidad de la República de Uruguay to make the next HMedGeo a successful and memorable event for our medical geology colleagues on this part of the world.

Sincerely,

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