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Dear Dr. Swaminathan,

Please accept my apologies for the long delay in replying to your inquiry as to whether IITA would be able to host the Third International Symposium on Genetic Manipulation in Crops. I had to check with our management and visitors service and this involved considerable delays.

I am happy to inform you that Drs. Stifel and Fischer have responded positively to the request. However, their main concern is housing facilities. The following are the maximum available:

International House (high quality)
double rooms: 6 = 12 beds
single rooms: 16 = 16 beds
28 total

Dormitories (Intermediate quality):
double rooms: 47 = 94 beds
single rooms: 6 = 6 beds
100 total

Total maximum accommodation at IITA assuming no other occupants = 128
Outside accommodation: Motel Majestic Ojoo: 11 double air-conditioned rooms.
University of Ibadan: water, electricity not reliable
Premier Hotel: Approx. capacity 100 but far from IITA and quality is low.

Our visitors section says that groups of 80 or less can be handled with existing IITA infrastructure but larger groups would require outside hiring of buses, catering etc. Nevertheless, it could be managed.

I hope this information is useful to you in deciding on the venue. Please let me know what you decide or if any other information is needed.

Best regards.

Sincerely yours,

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