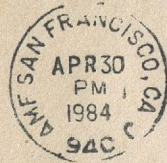


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Dear Krishna,

Thank you for your "newsy" letter and expression of interest in attending the 1984 Gordon Conference on the Origin of Life. With much regret, I have to tell you that the limited funds we have remaining would be insufficient to take care of your travel costs while at the same time help young scientists make their way to the meeting. I hope you will agree that those youngsters represent our investment in the future of science.

If you cannot attend the 1984 meeting, perhaps you will be able to make it to the 1986 ISSOL meeting. It is being planned for June 22-27 at Berkeley, California. An organizing committee has been assembled and the initial plans for the meeting look quite exciting.

Good luck with your interactions with Drs. Weiss and Cairns-Smith; they are, undoubtedly, extremely busy people.

Best regards,

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identifying future lines of investigation, and it should be valuable for individuals who are considering initiating research on the origin of life as well as those already involved.

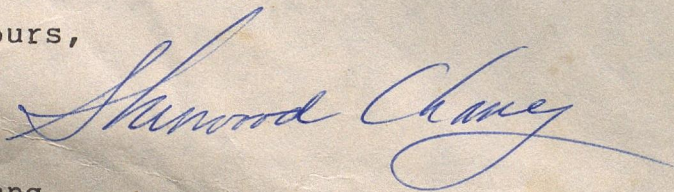
In the interest of providing ample time for discussions during the regular sessions, the organizing committee, with much regret, could not include many other pertinent topics in the program. We are considering the possibility of holding a brief afternoon session in midweek to address one or two additional timely issues, and you will be informed about developments along that line.

Poster talks will be accepted. We urge participants to direct their presentations to the topics: Early Evolution, Membranes, Catalysis, Bioenergetics, Replication-Translation, and Self-organization. The material for posters should fit inside an area 4 ft. by 4 ft., although we will try to accommodate displays up to 4 ft. by 8 ft. An abstract of the poster talk is required. We plan to assemble and distribute a collection of one-page abstracts for mailing to attendees before the meeting. If you plan to present a poster please fill out and return the attached Information Form along with your abstract(s) before June 15, 1984.

A small fund has been set aside to cover Conference fees for graduate students and new Ph.D.'s who otherwise could not attend this Gordon Conference. The organizing committee will select from among applicants on the basis of recommendations by their major professors and the students' responses to two questions: How will attendance at the Gordon Conference on the Origin of Life contribute to your professional growth? What contributions do you expect to make to the conference? The organizing committee will give priority to those applicants willing to give a poster talk on one of the session topics or on a "miscellaneous" topic pertinent to the origin of life, all other factors being equal. Requests for assistance accompanied by a supporting letter should be sent to me by May 15, 1984.

Finally, I want to apologize for this lengthy letter. But I hope that the information will help you reach a positive decision to attend what promises to be a very stimulating conference.

Sincerely Yours,



Sherwood Chang
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Enclosures