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## <u>Invitation: H3ABioNet "Pangenome & RefGraph Workshop", 13 – 17 November 2023, Cape Town</u> South Africa

Dear Andrea Guarracino (Passport No: YB7490713),

It is with great pleasure that I cordially invite you to attend the H3ABioNet "Pangenome & RefGraph Workshop" as a trainer. The workshop will be held at the Southern Sun Newlands, 7 Main Rd, Newlands, Cape Town, South Africa from the 13<sup>th</sup> of November to the 17<sup>th</sup> of November 2023.

The workshop will be dedicated to the construction of a pangenome using existing data and facilitate training of participants using HiFi data from different African countries. The workshop aims to train participants on how to do a T2T assembly and to build a pangenome and reference graph using HiFi data. Your expertise in one or more of these fields will be a critical contribution to the success of the workshop.

H3ABioNet will cover the following costs:

- 1. A return economy air ticket from your destination to Cape Town, South Africa.
- 2. Transfers from Cape Town International Airport to the accommodation venue (Southern Sun Newlands, Newlands, Cape Town, South Africa) and *vice versa*.
- 3. Accommodation for the nights of the 11<sup>th</sup> of November to the 17<sup>th</sup> of November 2023 (check out on the morning of the 18<sup>th</sup> of November 2023) at the Southern Sun Newlands, 7 Main Rd, Newlands, Cape Town, 7700 (Tel: +27 021 683 6562).
- 4. Breakfast and lunch meals during the days of the meeting.

Unfortunately, the costs for visa application fees, vaccinations, local airport transfers and meals will not be covered by H3ABioNet and will have to be borne by your home institution or yourself.

We look forward to welcoming you to the Cape Town, South Africa.

Yours sincerely,

Professor Nicola Mulder.