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Dear Adam Cheong,

On behalf of the Program Committee, you are cordially invited to participate in the 25<sup>th</sup> International Worm Meeting to be held June 28-July 2, 2025 at the University of California, Davis, in Davis, California. The organizers greatly appreciate the important contribution that you will make to the meeting. We expect approximately 1,600 scientists and students from all over the world with interests in Worm genetics to participate. All meeting attendees are required to pay a meeting registration fee and are responsible for all travel costs. The total cost of registration, housing and meals for the conference depends on the type of accommodations reserved and your registration category. Your abstract entitled "**Monte Carlo simulation of somatic twist in ancient marine worms**" has been accepted and will be programmed.

The Genetics Society of America is a professional membership organization for an international community of biologists advancing the field of genetics. The purposes of the Society are 1) to facilitate communication between geneticists, 2) to promote research that will bring new discoveries in genetics, 3) to foster the training of the next generation of geneticists so they can effectively respond to the opportunities provided by our discoveries and the challenges posed by them, and 4) to educate the public and their government representatives about advances in genetics and the consequences to individuals and to society.

The National Academies has a useful web site concerning obtaining a visa ( <http://nationalacademies.org/visas>) for international participants. As part of new security procedures, many applications are being sent to the State Department in Washington where they are reviewed, with assistance from other agencies. Because of the number of visas being processed and the need to be thorough with the reviews, this can take as much as 3 to 4 months or more. Therefore, we advise scientists intending to come to the United States to apply for their visa as early as possible. Please contact me with any questions. We look forward to your participation in the meeting

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Sincerely,

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