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Sent: Wed, 8 Apr 2020 17:17:42 -0400
To: Lusso, Paolo (NIH/NIAID) [E]
Subject: Re: Research Day organized by the Italian Embassy

Paolo:

I am very, very sorry, but I just cannot do this right now. I am swamped and my time is not my own. I hope that they understand.

Best,
Tony

On Apr 8, 2020, at 4:00 PM, Lusso, Paolo (NIH/NIAID) [E]
(b) (6) wrote:

Dear Tony:

I am sorry to bother you with another request during this period. The Italian Embassy is organizing its yearly Research Day (Giornata della Ricerca) that this year will be held strictly online (via Zoom or other e-meeting tool) and centered entirely on the Coronavirus pandemic.

The Italian Ambassador, Mr. Varricchio, would be delighted if you accept to be his guest of honor at the event and asked me to informally enquire with you, before sending an official invitation, if there is any chance you could participate. He understands how crazy your schedule is during this crisis. They would like you to deliver a 30 min lecture on a theme of your choice, preferably related to the state of the art of the pandemic management. The tentative date for the event is between April 20 and April 30, but they are waiting to finalize the date based on your preference, if you are able to accept (even in early May).

Please, let me know if you can accommodate this additional engagement. You will make them very very happy!

All the best,

Paolo

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