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Dear Dr. Zecchino,

I enjoyed the opportunity to visit Biogem and participate in the Two Cultures Symposium for 2011.

During my visit Dr. Andrea Affuso took me through your Biogem mouse facility. It is an outstanding mouse facility. A state-of-the-art facility designed with much greater foresight than the mouse facility that houses our mice. Mine is also a barrier facility and is an excellent facility, but your facility is superior in design, including safety and care for the mice as well as user friendly to investigators. I was also very impressed with the competency of the staff responsible for the facility and the mice. Dr. Affuso is a very qualified veterinarian and has an excellent staff under his leadership. The facility at Biogem is by far the best mouse facility that I have seen in Europe. I hope that the scientific and governmental agencies appreciate how special your facility is and continue their strong support of it. Good facilities are expensive to maintain and you have one of the best. I am confident that with the excellence of the scientists that you have assembled at Biogem, and in particular the young scientists that you are training, the productivity and excellence of your facility is assured.

Yours Sincerely,



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