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19th International CODATA Conference

WSIS Session - 10 November 2004

9-12 a.m., Hotel Steglitz International, Albrechtstr. 2

I am writing to you concerning the forthcoming International CODATA Conference – the Information Society: New Horizons for Science - taking place 7-10 November 2004 in Berlin, Germany. Conference details, including the program, can be found on <http://www.codata.org/04conf/index.html>.

I would like to particularly draw your attention to the special session on November 10, which addresses the *World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS)*. As you may know, CODATA, the Committee on Data for Science and Technology in collaboration with ICSU, the International Council for Science, participated in many activities leading to the first phase of the Summit in Geneva in 2003. We were very successful in having the importance of the role of science in the information society recognized both in the Declaration of Principles and the Agenda for Action that came from the Summit. The second phase of WSIS takes place in Tunis in November 2005. During this interim period, CODATA will collaborate with several international scientific organizations to prepare activities that directly or indirectly lead to implementation of some of these Agenda Action items. We have received a grant from ICSU to support this work. .

The tentative structure of WSIS session at the CODATA 2004 conference can be found on <http://www.codata.org/04conf/abstracts/WSIS/index.html>. The session begins with presentations from organizations that are addressing issues that have been highlighted in the Summit documents. This will be followed by a roundtable discussion that focuses on how CODATA in collaboration with other scientific partners can begin preparations leading to Tunis in 2005.

However it is essential that if this project is to be successful, participation and input from the broader scientific community must be solicited from the start. Seeking participation just before Tunis in 2005 is too late.

I am pleased to invite you or a representative to attend this meeting on November 10th. I regret we are not be able to cover costs of attendance, however if your representative attends only this session of the conference then no registration fee will be charged. Please complete the special registration form attached to this letter.

I look forward to meeting you in Berlin.

Yours sincerely,

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Professor Shuichi Iwata

President CODATA

REGISTRATION FORM

World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS) Session

**9:00 am - 12:30 pm 10th November 2004, Berlin, Germany
Hotel Steglitz International, Albrechtstr. 2, 12165 Berlin**

Part of the 19th International CODATA Conference

**If you are only attending this session then there is no registration fee
but the information below must be completed and returned to:**

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I am attending only the WSIS session of the Conference.

Signed:

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