

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

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Dr. Tony Tether
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Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency
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Dear Dr. Tether:

We are writing in strong support of the NATO Advanced Study Institute which has submitted an application for support by DARPA to help fund the Institute's participation in a conference taking place in Barga, Italy on July 20 through August 2, 2008. The conference will bring together scientists in diverse areas of detection and mitigation of unexploded ordnance (UXO) to discuss the newest technologies in this field and to analyze how to further develop and apply these technologies to combat terrorism.


We feel it would be beneficial for the many international scientists to participate in the conference, because their work is of immediate and vital interest to the Department of Defense and Department of Homeland Security. The topics that ASI scientists will discuss include, geophysical methods of UXO detection, signal processing for UXO detection, anomalous volatile compound detection and multi-sensor detection and estimation systems.

In accordance with all applicable rules and regulations, we urge you to give the NATO Advanced Study Institute's application your strong consideration.

Sincerely,



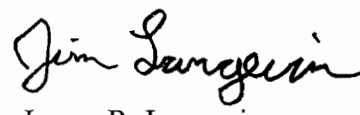
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