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Dear Colleague:

The I.U. Axolotl Colony, George Malacinski, Dave Stocum, Tony Mescher, Ellen Chernoff, and I are interested in organizing an international conference on urodele amphibians. The emphasis would be on the cell and molecular biology approach and would cover a range in topics such as the following:

1. Developmental Biology: Urodele embryos and larvae as an alternative to *Xenopus laevis*. Enhancing and exploiting the emerging molecular biology of urodele embryos and larvae.
2. Cell and molecular biology of regeneration.
3. Cell and molecular biology of urodele physiology.

Do you support this idea? What other topics would you like to see discussed? Would you be interested in participating? We would like to hear from you. Please contact either myself (812-855-7055), G. M. Malacinski (812-855-1131; FAX 812-855-6705), or Susan Duhon (812-855-8260; FAX 812-855-6705; Bitnet: Duhon@IUBACS; Internet: duhon@ucs.indiana.edu).

If you show an interest in a urodele conference, we are also interested in your opinion on the following practical aspects of the proposed conference:

1. When should it be held? Alternate year of the international *Xenopus* meeting? In the spring, summer, or fall of 1993, for example?
2. Where should it be held? In the U.S. midwest (Bloomington or Indianapolis, for example), other areas of the U.S. or North America, or overseas (e.g., Europe)?
3. Should it be organized as a stand-alone meeting, or as a satellite meeting for one of the major international congresses?

Thank you very much for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Anton W. Neff".

Anton W. Neff  
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