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## Dear Colleague:

The 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Space Radiation Health Investigators' Workshop will be held on April 27-30, 2003 at South Shore Harbour Resort and Conference Center in League City, Texas. We would like to extend to you an invitation to attend. The purpose of this workshop is to provide an opportunity for researchers active in the NASA Space Radiation Health Program to meet and share the results of their work, and to explore new directions of research that may benefit the NASA program.

NASA funded investigators currently supported by the NASA Space Radiation Health Program are required to participate. Attendance to the workshop is by invitation only. Other scientists with a legitimate interest in space radiation research are also welcome. If any of your colleagues wish to attend, they may send their request directly to me. (Frank Cucinotta, Email: francis.a.cucinotta1@jsc.nasa.gov). Please provide an explanation of their relationship to the Space Radiation Health Program and also indicate the type of contribution they wish to make. Participants are expected to have their own travel support. Very limited support is available for postdoctoral fellows currently participating in NASA-supported research groups. Applicants for travel support are asked to submit their request in writing along with the Meeting Response Form.

The format will include plenary sessions and a special forum for invited posters and exhibits. For those who plan to present, an abstract is to be submitted with no more than one page single spaced with copies of 1 to 2 pages of supporting material. The first author of each selected abstract will be expected to present the material. The deadline for submitting abstracts is <u>March 1, 2003</u>. Presenters will also be asked to prepare a 15-minute MS PowerPoint oral presentation and submit your presentation on diskette or CD-ROM just prior to the meeting.

Universities Space Research Association's Division of Space Life Sciences has been assigned the role of coordinator for this workshop. Please respond by completing the attached <u>Meeting Response Form</u> and returning it per instructions on the form no later than <u>February 1, 2003</u> to: Universities Space Research Association (USRA), Division of Space Life Sciences (DSLS), 3600 Bay Area Boulevard, Houston, Texas 77058, Attn: Gail Pacetti.

It should be a very informative and exciting meeting, and I very much hope that you will be able to attend. On behalf of NASA, USRA and the entire Organizing Committee, we look forward to seeing you in April. Sincerely,

Francis A. Cucinotta Workshop Organizing Committee (Chairman)