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Dear Dave

It gives me great pleasure to inform you that the Two Oceans Aquarium will be hosting the 8th International Aquarium Congress (IAC) in 2012. Like the Olympic Games this Congress is held only every four years and, as it is the first time that it will be held in the southern hemisphere and in Africa, it is a great honour to be hosting it in Cape Town.

Our aim is to build on the successes of past Congresses and give visitors to South Africa an experience that they will never forget. Participants attending the Congress will have a unique opportunity to experience what I term the "biodiversity extravaganza" of southern Africa and I am hoping that you will lend your support in spreading the message to everyone who may be interested in attending this prestigious event.

As the head of your regional Zoo and Aquarium Association, I ask if you will support us in our endeavours by considering the following actions:

- placing a link to the IAC website on your website
- Informing your members of this link and prompting them (and associated organizations) to visit the IAC website - and/or giving us access to your data-base, so that we may perform this task
- including IAC newsletters on your website

Should there be any other areas in which you could offer assistance/support to the 8th IAC, I would be most grateful to hear of them.

I look forward to your response

Sincerely



Dr Patrick A. Garratt
Managing Director, Two Oceans Aquarium, Cape Town &
Chairperson, 8th IAC Steering Committee.