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Dear Su-tze,

The CFSAN LACF team would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your participation during the outreach programs in Peru and Colombia. Your participation and enthusiastic assistance were instrumental to the success of the programs in those countries.

This letter is to confirm that the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA), U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) and Ministerio de Salud Publico de Ecuador are sponsoring another Acidified and Low Acid Canned Food coalition meeting and training conference in Ecuador. The training program will be held January 17-20 in Manta.

The training will involve lectures, with targeted presentations and audio-visuals. There will also be "in-plant" workshops at four commercial LACF facilities. The workshops will allow students to assess thermal processing equipment and participate during technical studies. 1.5 days will be allotted for the factory visits on January 18 and the morning of January 19, 2006.

You will again have a key role as a program presenter during outreach training and the factory workshops. This letter is written to confirm your commitment to speak and participate during the period January 17-20. We kindly request that you confirm your agreement to participate within 4 days of the receipt of this letter.

A draft copy of the Ecuadorian outreach program agenda is attached. The attached agenda outlines topics for the meeting and workshops, as well as, some of your individual responsibilities. We welcome your thoughts and comments on ways to improve the conference and agenda.

The conference meeting facilities and local transportation are being arranged by Ministerio de Salud Publico and Instituto Nacional de Pesca. The USDA Foreign Agriculture Service has agreed to pay for your transportation; lodging; meals, and incidentals for the period 16-21 January, 2006. Your contact person at USDA/FAS is Ms. Tabitha Coley; Email: [Tabitha\\_Coley@FAS.USDA.GOV](mailto:Tabitha_Coley@FAS.USDA.GOV). The attached USDA Travelers Information Sheet must be completed and returned to Ms. Coley using FAX (202)-690-0982 or email. Ms. Coley has requested that your completed USDA Travelers Information sheet be returned no later than Friday January 7, 2006.

We look forward to working with you again in the extension of the outreach program to Ecuador. If you have any questions or suggestions, please feel free to contact me by fax at (920) 433-3949 or email [dnelson@cfsan.fda.gov](mailto:dnelson@cfsan.fda.gov).

Sincerely,

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