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Dear Dr. Galinski:

On behalf of the officers and members of the Liberian History, Education, & Development, Inc. (LIHEDE), permit us to extend to you and through our invitation and request to International Center for Malaria Research, Education & Development and Malaria Foundation International, Inc (MFI) to be one of the official sponsors for the **2009 LIHEDE 5<sup>th</sup> Jubilee Confab.**

The LIHEDE malaria eradication efforts in Liberia and the LIHEDE Liberian Studies Program that kicked off in 2006 at two Liberian universities in Monrovia are still ongoing, but in preparation for celebrating the 5<sup>th</sup> founding anniversary of LIHEDE in 2009, LIHEDE has decided to host its first Jubilee on the history of the nation and people of Liberia. The 5<sup>th</sup> Jubilee Confab. is devoted to uncovering the ethnic and linguistic links of Liberians, and how these links can be harnessed to manifest lasting peace, unity, reconciliation, cultural-driven malaria program, and development in Liberia.

LIHEDE 5th Jubilee Confab is scheduled to be held in Greensboro, North Carolina in August 14-15, 2009, under the theme: "Understanding Ourselves and Our History: A Call to Unity & Collective Development in Liberia," and it will look at the history, migration patterns, health, interethnic cooperation, linguistic tongues, and social, political, and legal institutions of the various ethnic groups of Liberia. LIHEDE believes that by institutionalizing our collective history, Liberians will well be on their way to creating the environment that will help Liberians learn more about themselves and cultivate a new sense of nationalism and history of our oneness that would propel national developments in Liberia and the world.

It is against this backdrop that we are seeking MFI to kindly be at the forefront of the "Understanding Ourselves and Our History: A Call to Unity & Collective Development in Liberia" campaign. For this purpose, we would be most grateful and humbled were MFI to financially defray some of the cost for three-day conference refreshments (drinks, breakfast, lunch, and dinners). The three-day Conference is anticipated to be attended by over 500 persons, including government officials, ambassadors, presidents of Liberia higher institutions of learning, ministers, scholars, oral historians, authors, Liberian men and women organizations, cultural troops, students, clergymen, and more. Both Her Excellency Madame Ellen Johnson Sirleaf, President of the Republic of Liberia and Liberian Ambassador to Washington, DC Hon. Nathaniel Barnes have been officially informed about the Jubilee.

LIHEDE would also appreciate MFI making a presentation at the 2009 LIHEDE 5th Jubilee on its malaria control methodology in Africa or any related topic to the Conference theme. The Jubilee offers a unique opportunity of cultural competence, especially for those who are not familiar with Liberian culture.

As a sponsor, we will include your company's name and logo on our press releases, flyers, and related websites, along with the names and/or logos of other sponsors of the Jubilee. We will send you copies of any publicity items for the Jubilee on which MFI is mentioned. Thank you very much for considering our request. We trust and hope that you would identify with this worthy cause to our nation. We look forward to hearing from you at your earliest convenience. Please visit us at [www.lihede.org](http://www.lihede.org).

Respectfully yours,



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2009 LIHEDE 5<sup>th</sup> Jubilee

