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Re: Invitation to attend the ABM 17 Symposium and Serve as Science Committee

To Whom It May Concern,

Sponsored by USA National Science Foundation (Award number: BCS #1638446), we are organizing a symposium entitled "ABM 2017: Agent-Based Models in the Social, Human-Environment, and Life Sciences" at San Diego, California, USA between April 20-22, 2017. The goal of this symposium is to transform the science, technology, and application of agent-based models in the context of social, human-environment, and life sciences. We believe that the excellent knowledge, experience, skills, and expertise in the ABM science from the following internationally renowned scholars will bring in essential insights to our symposium, make it successful, and advance the related scientific research:

Dr. Sigrunn Eliassen, University of Bergen (Norway);
Dr. Peter Deadman, University of Waterloo (Canada);
Dr. Volker Grimm, Helmholtz-Centre for Environmental Research – UFZ (Germany);
Dr. Alison J. Heppenstall, University of Leeds (UK);
Dr. Dawn Parker, University of Waterloo (Canada);
Dr. Viktoriia Radchuk, Leibniz Institute for Zoo and Wildlife Research (Germany; Ukrainian citizen);
Dr. Derek Robinson, University of Waterloo (Canada);
Dr. Maja Schlüter, Stockholm University (Sweden; German citizen);
Dr. Peter Verburg, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam (Netherlands).

We will cover all the related costs of the above scholars related to attending our symposium, including international airfare, food, lodging, and transportation. This letter serves as an invitation of the above scholars to come to USA and attend the symposium. We request and appreciate that visa and entry to USA be given to these scholars to facilitate their travel to San Diego, CA, USA in April 2017. Please contact me by email, phone, or letter if you have questions.

Sincerely yours,

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