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Partnership between the *Victor Babeș National Institute of Pathology, Bucharest, Romania* and the *Molecular Medicine Institute, Cambridge, MA, USA*

Dear Professor Jena,

In the spirit of science in the service of humanity, we are delighted to establish a partnership with Molecular Medicine Institute (MMI) in Cambridge, MA, USA and define specific lines of collaboration to further advance the research impact and academic performance at both institutions.

Among other distinguished scholars, our Institute is proud to have you and Professor Rudolph A. Marcus from the United States of America, serving as Members of Advisory Board of the Institute and as personalities awarded with “*Victor Babeș Honorary Scientist*” title similar to Honorary Doctorate, thus recognizing your exceptional accomplishments in cell biology, especially on the physiological process of cell secretion. Therefore, in the tradition of these long time relationships we are very pleased to establish this international partnership with you and your research institute, the MMI. This partnership will additionally benefit from the current new appointment of MMI Member Dr. Octavian Bucur, MD, PhD, at *Victor Babeș National Institute of Pathology*, who is starting here a research group under his coordination, thus creating a direct channel for scientific collaborations between the institutions. Our partnership will serve as a sustainable platform for the efficient and impactful development of research and education and we are very much looking forward to many academic collaborations in the near future. A common effort in attracting financial resources for our future partnership would be more successful.

Sincerely,

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Scientific Director