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Certificación Número 01

YO, ANA MARÍA DÍAZ, Secretaria Ejecutiva de la Junta Administrativa del Recinto de Ciencias Médicas de la Universidad de Puerto Rico, **CERTIFICO:**

Que la Junta Administrativa en un referéndum celebrado entre el jueves, 1 de agosto de 2013 y el lunes, 5 de agosto de 2013, tuvo ante su consideración la solicitud de **PERMISO DE VIAJE** sometida por el Dr. Steve Treistman y **ACORDÓ:**

**AUTORIZAR EL VIAJE** del Dr. Steve Treistman a Marine Biological Laboratory en Woods Hole, entre el 1 y 25 de agosto de 2013.

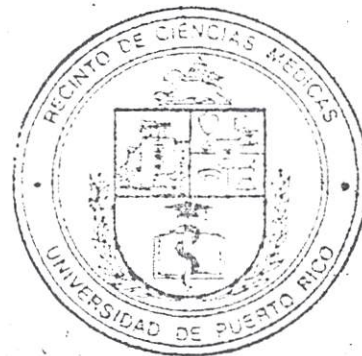
Y para que así conste, para conocimiento del personal y de las autoridades universitarias que corresponde, expido esta Certificación bajo el sello del Recinto de Ciencias Médicas de la Universidad de Puerto Rico, hoy cinco de agosto del año dos mil trece.

Ana María Díaz, DSc  
Secretaria Ejecutiva

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August 2, 2013

Ricardo R. González, Ph.D.  
Interim Dean  
Deanship of Academic Affairs  
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University of Puerto Rico

Dear doctor González,

I am providing the following in response for your request for elaboration of my activities during extended periods at the Marine Biological Laboratory in Woods Hole, MA. It is important to reiterate that my activities at the MBL were part of my negotiations for hire at the UPR, and it is stated in my offer letter:

"We understand that you have a long-standing association with the Marine Biological Laboratory in Woods Hole, and plan to be in Woods Hole and participate in activities at the Marine Biological Laboratory for 10-12 weeks during their summer session. This will be critical to your maintenance of professional contacts and visibility, and will be beneficial to UPR, and its visibility in the global neuroscience research community."

Specifics:

1. This summer, I established a University of Puerto Rico laboratory at the MBL. It is an extension of the Center for Environmental Neuroscience that I established (I am PI) with NSF funding. It has a plaque outside the laboratory stating that it is the University of Puerto Rico Laboratory, and I have received numerous commentary from scientists at the MBL that this is an indication of our growth toward research university status.
2. This UPR laboratory is my home base at the MBL. I have brought four UPR researchers with me for the summer (some funded with MBL fellowships that I helped them obtain). In addition, we have UPR graduate and undergraduate students in the laboratory. Having all of us in one place facilitates daily discussions of the Center for Environmental Neuroscience research going on there.
3. I perform my own laboratory's research at the MBL, using facilities unique there. For example, Garrett Seale, a postdoctoral fellow in my laboratory at the Institute, visited this summer to use the high resolution microscope for our studies on synaptic proteins. This microscope is part of a project brought to the MBL by Dr. Daniel Colon of Yale University (who is Puerto Rican, and plans to return to the Island at some point), who is an adjunct professor at the Institute of Neurobiology. I also helped him to get an MBL fellowship, and he shares our MBL lab.
4. I participate in diversity programs, such as the SPINES program at the MBL. This program prepares minority students for successful careers in science. We have six Puerto Rican graduate students participating this year. In addition to my giving lectures in their course, my wife and I hosted a reception (at our expense) in Woods Hole for all of the Puerto Ricans working at the MBL this summer.
5. I regularly attend seminars and course offerings at the MBL. It is a vibrant community of neuroscientists, and talks are given by leaders in the field on a regular basis.



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6. I regularly bump into and talk with other scientists spending the summer at the facility. This is often serendipitous, and we all realize that it is one of the major benefits of an extended stay. These discussions often lead to promising possibilities, such as one that I had with Bill Green from the University of Chicago, in which we laid out plans for him to lead a winter hands-on neurobiology course at the Institute of Neurobiology.

7. I continue working on projects such as manuscript writing (two mss were submitted and are now in revision (J. Neuroscience and Journal of Biological Chemistry). Also, there are numerous administrative duties, such as the annual report to the NSF for our CREST award, and organizing mentoring activities for our COBRE award from NIH, as well as a progress report for one of my NIH R01 grants that was due this summer. I am in daily contact by phone and email and text with numerous personnel at the Institute. I also make periodic trips back to Puerto Rico to handle meeting and other business that is better done in person.

While I could go on with further commentary, I would hope that this is sufficient to establish the benefits of my MBL stay. I would be happy to expand, should you wish. I believe that my work at the MBL is hugely beneficial to the UPR, both now, and in the future, the links we are establishing will be even more valuable.

Cordially,

Steven N. Treistman, Ph.D.  
Professor and Director

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