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**To:** Dennis Carroll <dcarroll@usaid.gov>

Hi Dennis,  
It was good that Jonna sent me her last message. There must have happened something odd that made possible my travel to Italy and not to China. These travel policies are a strange kind of an animal, we also had similar problems in TDR, dealing with WHO.

The PMAC Secretariat informed me that they do not support travel costs, that each member of the IOC has to be paid by their own Organization. As Fiocruz would not be able to fund my travel, not even in economy, this was a “no-go” option. Therefore, no travel to Bangkok nor Beijing.

No problem, better days will follow and GVP will of course survive...

Best,

Carlos

Em 26 de jan de 2017, à(s) 15:33, Dennis Carroll <[dcarroll@usaid.gov](mailto:dcarroll@usaid.gov)> escreveu:

Carlos, it is unfortunate that you will not be able to join us. I hope you appreciate that Jonna and her team did the very best they could do given the restrictive terms of the USAID funding. That said, will you not be coming to Bangkok?

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On Jan 26, 2017, at 6:57 AM, Jonna Mazet <[jkmazet@ucdavis.edu](mailto:jkmazet@ucdavis.edu)> wrote:

Enjoy your time, there, Carlos.  
Happy to discuss next week, as I value you immensely as a friend and colleague. If you'd still like to consider the trip, please see the final (I think best) option sent to you by email from Matthew Blake.  
If not, we understand.  
Have a good visit,  
Jonna

On Thu, Jan 26, 2017 at 6:37 AM, Carlos Morel <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Dear Jonna,

Many thanks fir this detailed email. I have no problem to apologize if my judgement was so wrong. I hope you - and your staff - understand that it is difficult to understand why a travel to Italy receives a different treatment as compared to a longer travel to China. I could travel business to Bellagio, but not to Beijing!

Again: if I was so wrong, my apologies to you and your staff, no hard feelings.

I am not in Rio, I am in São Paulo with my wife and grandson. Will be back in Rio this Sunday, when it would be ok for us to talk over the phone, if you would like.

Best regards,

Carlos

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Em qui, 26 de jan de 2017 às 12:23, Jonna Mazet <[jkmazet@ucdavis.edu](mailto:jkmazet@ucdavis.edu)> escreveu:

Dear Carlos,

Unfortunately, your assumption is absolutely not correct. We have tried through every mechanism possible to provide you the business class ticket you merit. In fact offered you another more optimal itinerary after your last cancellation (email from Matt Blake yesterday). We deeply apologize for the ineffectual communications and the US travel rules that are completely outside of our control, but please know that I and my staff have spent more than the cost of a business class ticket in personnel hours just to try to make this work for you -- having meetings with the Chancellor's office, finding work arounds, etc. None of that is your fault, but to do all of this work and find that you think we weren't trying is incredibly demoralizing to me and my team. We still have a viable option -- more than one that we've offered, but understand if it is all just to much.

I would be happy, as offered, to discuss by phone, but some of this grey area is inappropriate for email communication to the extent that some employees who have been trying diligently to help you are concerned about their future at the university for trying to stretch the rules as far as we have.

Very sorry for this result, and especially your feelings about it. We value you and your expertise and guidance immensely and hope to continue to work together.

Best,  
Jonna

On Thu, Jan 26, 2017 at 2:02 AM, Carlos Morel <**REDACTED**> wrote:

Dear Dennis,

I am really sorry I will not attend the GVP Beijing meeting. I believe I owe you, Jonna, Peter and others an explanation in relation to my decision:

- I found incomprehensible that I could travel business to Italy, to attend the Bellagio meeting, and under exactly the same travel policy guidelines from UC Davis, the travel to Beijing was treated in a totally different way;
- I thank you for trying to find alternatives that would circumvent the 'problems' that surfaced in relation to the travel to China (which were not a problem when traveling to Bellagio): reimbursing as an 'honorarium', or profiting from the PMAC invitation; a pity these options did not work;
- After I agreed to arrive at the same day the Beijing meeting would start - a condition to receive a business ticket, according to the UC Davis travel policy - I was surprised to receive another demand: that I needed to show I had a business back in Brazil the same day I would arrive - otherwise I would have to fly back from China in economy! This was a bit too much to accept and therefore I concluded that the real issue was that there was already a decision from the managers at UC Davis that I would not get a business travel,

no matter how much I would ask for.

I imagine the real problem, this time, was not the travel policy, but a matter of economics and budget at the disposition of GVP. Otherwise, how to explain I could travel business to Italy - a much shorter flight - and could not receive a business travel to China, a 20plus hour travel, both ways.

This episode does not alter my conviction that GVP is an excellent initiative that merits all our efforts to make it come true. I hope this issue could be sorted out in the near future, either adopting the travel policy in good faith (if I could fly business to Italy, the same ought to be also true to China) or by raising new funds that would free GVP of such odd, US-government rules that should not be used internationally.

Renata Curi will represent not only myself in Beijing but also our institution, Fiocruz, which I believe will be a critical international partner to make the GVP come true.

Hoping the Beijing meeting will be a success,

Carlos

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