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Dear Dr. Escobar:

On behalf of the Membership Committee of the United States Pharmacopeial Convention (USP), it is my pleasure to invite the **University of Valparaiso – Chilean Pharmacopeia Project** to be an Official Observer. The USP is a scientific, nonprofit, standards-setting organization whose mission is to improve the health of people around the world through public standards and related programs that help ensure the quality, safety, and benefit of medicines and foods.

USP's standards are recognized and used worldwide. In addition to its headquarters in the US, USP operates laboratories and offices in Hyderabad, India; Shanghai, China; Sao Paulo, Brazil; and Basel, Switzerland. USP also works in developing countries to support regulatory agencies, manufacturers, and healthcare providers in their efforts to ensure access to good quality medicines.

USP's membership brings together medicine, pharmacy and other health care professions and sciences, industry, government, trade and consumer groups, as well as international organizations, and certain non-U.S. pharmacopoeias to advance the organization's standard-setting mission and address health care challenges common to all.

As an official observer organization, you and your representative will receive member memoranda and other USP communications on a regular basis. We also invite you to attend USP's membership meeting; the next meeting will be held April 21-24, 2010 in Washington, DC. Information on the meeting is available at <http://www.usp.org/meetings/convention/>. Although official observers do not have voting rights, you will receive a complimentary registration to the meeting and an invitation to participate in all events at no charge. USP will also provide a \$1000 stipend toward the travel expenses of your representative and cover three nights in the host hotel (see attached Travel and Accommodation Policy for details).

If you are not already familiar with USP and its activities, I recommend that you visit our website at www.usp.org. "Information for Official Observers," including a Web site map, USP brochure, and lists of member and official observer organizations, is available under "Announcements" at <http://www.usp.org/audiences/volunteers/members/private/>.

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I hope you will accept this invitation and designate your representative at your earliest convenience. The person you select should be knowledgeable about your organization's viewpoints and activities to help keep USP informed of your interests and should also be committed to keeping you apprised of USP activities.

To designate your representative, please send the following information to Ms. Arline Bilbo, Director, Member and Professional Relations, by e-mail (amb@usp.org) or fax (301-816-8511):

- Name of Contact
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Again, on behalf of the USP Membership Committee, it is our sincere hope that you will consider USP a forum in which your constituency should participate.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S S de Mars', written in a cursive style.

Susan S. de Mars
Secretary, USP Convention