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Dear Dely,

I am Dr. Brooks' Ph.D. student at University of Toronto. Also, as you might know I work at the same lab as Fernando Marques. I work on the phylogeny, historical ecology and biogeography of the Acanthocephala. Fernando will be going to Brasil next May to do his field work in the Amazon region. I will be going to Brasil with him in 1996 to help him during his field work and also to collect some acanthocephalans which I might use for my Ph.D. dissertation. My work will complement his provide additional collaboration of his results concerning potamotrygonid phylogeny.

We expect to collect many acanthocephalans and it is likely that at least some of them will be undescribed species. Once the data is collected, specimens processed, and publications written, the specimens will be deposited in the collection at FIOCRUZ. From your publications, I believe that you also have an interest in acanthocephalans, so I would like to ask you to collaborate with me on this research.

Your experience with acanthocephalans from Brasil would be a valuable component in the research program. In addition, since we will need to utilize material from the collection at FIOCRUZ, your familiarity with that material will be invaluable.

I acknowledge your consideration.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Scott Monks'.

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