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Dear Dr. Yarvura-Tobias:

I would like to propose a symposium at the forthcoming
World Congress of Biological Psychiatry on the subject of

Quantitative Electroencephalography and
Psychopharmacology.

I would propose to invite participants who are contributing to our understanding of the effects of biological therapies (drugs and induced convulsions) on brain function in man, using computer analytic methods for the measurement of CNS changes. Much progress has been made in the analysis of resting EEG, focussing on frequency and amplitude changes; on potentials evoked by sensory stimuli (AEP); and by anticipatory set (CNV). The number of potential contributors is large and I would suggest some of the following be invited:

M. Saito	Osaka, Japan
J. Roubicek	Basel, Switzerland
D. Rosadini	Genoa, Italy
T. Itil	Istanbul, Turkey, and New York City
M. Matousek	Göteborg, Sweden
G. Dolce	Darmstadt, Germany
L. Goldstein	Rutgers, New Jersey
C. Shagass	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
J. Volavka	New York City.

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A symposium of three hours would allow the attendees to obtain an overview of the progress in this field, which has been great during the past few years, particularly in defining drug effects, measuring bioavailability of psychoactive drugs, and defining the lateralized effects of induced convulsions.

I trust this symposium could be included in the program. Should it be feasible, I would propose to call on Professors Roubicek and Itil to share the responsibility for organizing the session.

Sincerely yours,

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