

Communique #1

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Dear Colleague,

I write to invite you to a workshop on *The Next 1000 Years*. The purpose is mutual stimulation. The workshop will take place 9-10 October 2003 at The Rockefeller University in New York City.

The workshop as yet has no agenda. I am writing to two dozen of the most interesting people I know, and will build the agenda around those who participate. Some of you I know personally, some only from the literature. All I admire greatly.

Among the subjects we might discuss are:

- sex, gender, human numbers
- diet, health
- time and money
- work and leisure
- energy and transport
- aggression and violence
- environmental change
- spatial diffusion of innovations (globalization)
- information and privacy

One occasion for the workshop is that my Italian colleague Cesare Marchetti and I are writing a book titled *The World's Progress*. Parts of the book will discuss the next 1000 years. I enclose a draft of material suggesting the character of the book. If you find the draft interesting, you should enjoy the workshop. We aim to have an advanced book manuscript for the meeting.

Please let me know by 1 March if you plan to attend. We will then address practical issues. I hope for your favorable consideration. Sincerely,