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Dear Simon,

It has been a pity that after our meeting in Chennay we haven't had the opportunity to meet again either in Prague or Atlanta. In any case you have been very well represented in both opportunities.

I want to thank you your important collaboration in our contact with our brothers of the new UNIMA CHINA. Without it the process would be much more difficult. So I hope that in the future your participation will be warmly appreciated.

For me and the other members of the Executive Committe of UNIMA the presence of the Chinese delegates in Atlanta produced a very great emotion. After so many years working, at last one of the most important Country in the world finally has participated officially in the regular meetings of our Association.

Also we are very glad because we hav had the opportunity to meet and talk with the General Secretary of UNIMA CHINA Mr. Li Yu Chao, with whom we spoke very friendly about the participation of UNIMA CHINA in the activity of INTERNATIONAL UNIMA.

On that meeting we explain to Mr. Li Yu Chao that it will be an interesting opportunity to make better know UNIMA CHINA in the world if they can hostess the World Congress and Festival of UNIMA in 2008. 1988 was the last year when the World Congress was hold in the Asiatic Continent and 2008 all the world will looking to China because the Olympics will be there.

Normally is each National Centre how propose the city or the cities where the Congress and Festival can be hosted, but perhaps we can make use of the advantages of Hong Kong, for example good communication services and accessible transportation, etc. can co-operate in to hold this international event.

If you decide to propose you Country as the siege of the Congress 2008, you have to present it in a very attractive way to the

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Congress of 2004 in Rijeka, because must be the Congress who decides the place of the next one.

As I told Mr. Li yu Chao it would be very interesting if he and you accept the invitation of The International Puppet Festival of Tolosa )Spain) where we can establish the planning of work and conditions for different projects that we can study together. I think you have received the official invitations and we remain waiting for your answer.

I wish all the best for you and your collaborators.

Your friendly

Miguel Arreche

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