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The American sited members of the Council of the Edward A. Bouchet-ICTP Institute met in Atlanta, Georgia during 27-29 March 1992. All of the meeting activities were held at Paschal's Motor Hotel which is located approximately three blocks from the Clark Atlanta University campus.

The meeting was organized into six working sessions. Each session had a Chair and an invited presenter to give a formal lecture on the session topic. Each session lasted ninety minutes. This allowed not only the presentation of the formal lecture, but, also ample time for discussion and debate. The attached volume of the Proceedings give the details as to who chaired the various sessions as well as the names of the principal speakers. The topics of the six sessions were:

1. Research at Selected African Universities and Centers
2. African and African-American Business Interactions
3. Issues Related to the Graduate Education of African Students
4. Scientific Personnel and Equipment Exchanges
5. Funding the Bouchet-ICTP Institute
6. Research Opportunities in the United States

Each session was attended by all the Council Members and by approximately twelve additional invited guests.

Dr. Kofi Bota, Vice-President for Research and Sponsored Programs, Clark Atlanta University, gave a very thoughtful dinner speech on "Are We in the Threshold of a Pan-African Cooperation in Science and Technology?". In addition, Professor Shirley Jackson, after lunch on Saturday 28 March, made a presentation on fundamental questions that remain unresolved in several areas of science and technology. (Professor Jackson did not give us a manuscript for her talk and, consequently, her talk is not included in the Proceedings.)

The attached Proceedings volume accurately reflects what was stated and discussed

at the meeting. With the help of all participants, the Proceedings were published and distributed approximately two weeks after the end of the meeting. The seriousness of the participants, the fact that the group was small, and all sessions and meals were placed in the same (large) room allowed for intense discussion.

Preliminary plans for the next Bouchet-ICTP Conference in Africa were discussed. This is to take place in the summer of 1993. No official site was selected. However, a tentative outline of the Conference was presented. In general, it will take the form of the previous Conference.

Finally, I and all the meeting participants would like to thank the Office of Naval Research for providing funds for this meeting. Without this financial assistance, this meeting and its associated activities would not have been possible.

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