AMERICAN ACADEMY
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Dr. Cristián T. Samper
President and Chief Executive Officer
Wildlife Conservation Society
2300 Southern Boulevard
Bronx, NY 10460

Dear Dr. Samper:

On behalf of the Officers and Fellows of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, we are pleased to welcome you as a newly elected member of the Academy.

As expressed in our 1780 Charter, the Academy's purpose is "to cultivate every art and science which may tend to advance the interest, honor, dignity, and happiness of a free, independent, and virtuous people." We carry on that tradition through studies, publications, and formal and informal meetings. Our studies have helped set the direction of research and analysis in science and technology policy, global security, social policy, and the humanities.

With your election, you join the company of notable members – from our founders John Adams, James Bowdoin, Benjamin Franklin, Thomas Jefferson, and George Washington to Ralph Waldo Emerson, Maria Mitchell, and Alexander Graham Bell. Other distinguished members include Margaret Mead, Jonas Salk, Barbara McClintock, John F. Kennedy, Martin Luther King, Jr., Aaron Copland, Martha Graham, John Updike, Georgia O'Keeffe, and John Hope Franklin. Foreign Members have included Charles Darwin, Albert Einstein, Winston Churchill, Laurence Olivier, Mary Leakey, John Maynard Keynes, Akira Kurosawa, and Nelson Mandela. Our current members represent today's innovative thinkers in every field and profession, including more than two hundred fifty Nobel and Pulitzer Prize winners. (Please see the attached list of current members in your field.)

We invite you to participate, along with the other newly elected members, in the **2015 Induction at the House of the Academy in Cambridge, Massachusetts, beginning on Friday, October 9, with the formal ceremony on Saturday, October 10, 2015.** You will be receiving materials from our Secretary, Professor Jerrold Meinwald, providing further details about the Induction weekend and the Academy's work.

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We both remember how pleased and excited we were upon receiving the notice of our election to the Academy. This honor signifies the high regard in which you are held by leaders in your field and members throughout the nation.

Our warmest congratulations on your election.

Yours sincerely,

Don M. Randel
Chair of the Board

Jonathan F. Fanton
President

Please follow a long-standing Academy tradition, begun by our earliest members, and respond with a written letter of acceptance. Copies of some of these wonderful letters from 1780 to the present are on exhibit at the Academy. The favor of your reply is requested by ***May 22, 2015.***

CC: Dr. Nancy Knowlton
Mr. Roger W. Sant

Enclosure