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Dear Participants,

I am writing to you after my return from Jordan where I attended a general local organizational meeting. I left Toronto on Lufthansa to Amman. Upon arriving in Amman, I received a warm welcome from the customs officials, and for 10 Jordanian Dinars (14 USD approx), I obtained a visa entry to Jordan in less than 5 minutes. I went directly to Le Royal Hotel. It is a 5-star hotel which is extremely safe and beautiful. Security inside the hotel and outside is very high and you feel 100% safe. I visited the meeting rooms to be used during the congress and it is quite impressive. I then visited Hashemite University with my colleague, Prof Akash, and I met the Dean of the Faculty of Engineering and the Dean of Graduate Studies. Later, I visited the President of the University who is fully supporting the conference. The conference will be under the patronage of His Excellency Prime Minister Mr Marouf al-Bakhit who will attend the opening ceremony. I also attended the local organization meeting and was impressed to see that a large number of exhibitors have agreed to participate. In summary I enjoyed my stay in Amman and I hope to see you all in May 21, 2007.