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Dear Colleague,

On October 6, 2003 we announced in the AGU News Letter and other avenues, the formation of a committee called the Solar Probe Science & Technology Definition Team and the request for people to apply for membership on this committee by submitting a two page application. The deadline for submittal of the applications was October 21, 2003.

A total of 60 applications were submitted in response to this opportunity. Most of the applicants were highly qualified for this position. The selection was based on the person's background in both solar and heliospheric physics, plus the need for a balance in both theoretical and experimental physics. Of the total number of applicants we received, we could only select 15 applicants for membership on this committee. We are pleased to inform you, that you have been selected as a member on this committee.

We request you inform us by January 9, 2004 about your acceptance to this appointment, so that if you decline this position we can inform a potential alternate about their acceptance to this program in a timely manner. If you accept this position, you will be contacted shortly about the committee's goals and future efforts and what will be expected from you as a member of this most important committee for the Solar Probe Mission.

Thank you for your interest in this high priority mission and your willingness in being a member of this committee. I look forward to working with you on this committee and pursuing the goals of the Sun-Earth Connection program.

Cordially,

Richard Fisher
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