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Dear Sirs,

Thank you very much for your letter of April 16th, 2010, informing me that I have been elected to the American Academy of Arts and Sciences.

It is a great honor and I accept it with humility.

As a Physicist, I admire the enormous contributions of Physics to our life, from advances in medicine to enabling the information revolution and from developing new energy sources to understanding the beginning of the universe.

As an Educator, I believe that Science Education has become a crucial part of our general culture, and a necessary tool for any leadership efforts, at all levels.

As a frequent guest professor in various leading American Universities I deeply appreciate the qualities and the spirit of the American academic system and I recognize my own personal debt to what it had taught me.

As a fifth generation Israeli born, I am proud of the contribution of our nation to Science and of our shared values with America.

As a citizen of the Middle East, I hope that a better future will one day appear on the horizon of that region and that my grandchildren will be the first generation to enjoy its peace and prosperity.

As all of the above, I know that my own contribution has been, and will remain, one tiny drop in an ocean of human achievements. If that little drop qualifies me to the honor you bestowed upon me, it is perhaps due to the fact that even a vast ocean is entirely made of small and large drops.

Sincerely

Haim Harari