Dear XXXXXX (First name or last name, depending on whether we know them),

 We have recently signed a contract with Springer to produce a comprehensive, two volume set entitled **Development, Environment and Physiology.** Essentially, this volume explores the nexus between these three vitally important but sometimes separately treated areas of biology. Volume I explores **Current Trends and Perspectives**, while Volume II examines **Challenges in a Changing World.** A unique feature of the books will be Case Studies that wrap up each section within a volume, bringing “real world” applications into focus.

Both volumes will be distributed both in conventional print and as e-books. The Table of Contents for both Volumes, with *invited* authors (including yourself), as well as the overall Abstract for the proposal that we developed for the publishers, are attached.

We are writing to invite you to participate in this major book project, which we feel will make a highly significant contribution and – importantly - be widely dispersed and read.

(First or last name, here are the pertinent details:

**Title**: We would like you to write on the topic of “XXXXXXX”, which would form Chapter XXXX in Volume XXX. There is some small latitude regarding the title and content, but we have worked hard to create an organized synthesis of the areas of Development, Environment and Physiology.

**Length**: Each chapter will be between XXX and XXX words, and can contain an appropriate number of figures in either black and white or color.

**Deadline**: There are two deadlines, one for an abstract and one for the manuscript.

*Abstract*: Provide a 500 word abstract due to Maria.Rojas@unt.edu by October 15th, 2014.

*Full Manuscript*: Provide the completed manuscript no later than March 31st, 2014.

**Manuscript Preparation Guidelines:** Attached are general guidelines from Springer regarding manuscript preparation.

We sincerely hope that you will seriously consider our invitation, and in any event would like to hear your response, hopefully in the affirmative, by XXXXX.

Best wishes,

Warren Burggren Benjamin Dubansky

Professor of Biology Research Scientist