

(3) During Summer, except for last 2 weeks of June, and one probable trip East in August, it should be free for me.

(4) Summers w/ PG are out for me for several reasons: (a) too cold and foggy (b) Ph.D. thesis to supervise this summer, final writing etc. (c) PG is usually a mad-house, with v. h. ill course, hard to find lodging, etc -

(5) Optical equipment - Several types of Research scopes available - Spencer - Leitz, some with wide field oculars, built in light, calibrated stage etc -

Phase equipment - (a) due to budget has good set, dark field, Giese has some optics, as does Truitt, but only one not in use is a Spencer convertible turret-phase condenser, with (4) matched set of dark M (medium) objectives, 10, 20, 43 + 97X. We have Spencer scope to mount it, but need an ortho-illuminator or special mirror (latter on order). Any of these could be used, and the Spencer set for exclusive use.

(6) On finances (a) with your approval I am (or will) submit a project proposal to the local ACS Institutional Come Grant committee (I'm a member) for \$1200. ~~The~~ Approval is practically assured in advance (b) If you'd give a few special lectures (2-3) or equivalent, some dept. funds for guest lectureships could be available too (\$500)

(7) Laura and a new student (Jim Wilson) are exploring micromanipulator & scopes etc - with special ref. to heterocaryosis etc - and are going to try injection of microconidia into swollen hyphae and for perithecia etc - So some equipment will be somewhat lined up soon -

To sum up - in general, late Spring would be better than Summer, for me - I'll leave it up to you to make decision according to your schedule - either would be OK. Or fall, if neither Spring nor Summer seems good for you -

Let me know so I can send in application (due middle of Feb) - and start making other definite arrangements.

Best to Esther & yourself!

yours

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