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Dear Mary-Rose,

I wanted to thank you and the Keynote team for your masterful assistance in organizing our EMBO Workshop, Chromosome Segregation and Aneuploidy, held here in Galway in June of this year. The meeting was a resounding success as judged by the delegates' feedback, both at the meeting and via the EMBO feedback mechanism.

Assistance seems too meek a term to describe your role in organizing the meeting. At every level you brought a professionalism and degree of experience that helped us frame the conference, acquire the funds and run the actual event in a way that culminated in what some of our delegates called 'the best meeting ever'. From assembling the website to detailing the luncheons, your input was always very positive and enabling. Your assistance with the fiscal side of the conference was invaluable, coordinating 5 different major funders as well as our corporate sponsors.

As you know, we were highly focused on ensuring that our delegates' experience at the meeting was very positive and supportive of the science under discussion. This meeting places high value on the social interactions that occur at the conference meals. We were extremely happy with how this went. It was very satisfying to look out over our lunches and dinners and see our 170 delegates fully engaged in conversation and enjoying the craic! Our philosophies fully and successfully overlapped in terms of providing the best experience to our delegates.

As well, you and Keynote coordinated communications and helped individual delegates with their queries and needs related to travel and attendance. The conference itself ran without a single hitch. Most telling, our group's tradition of selecting the next meeting site by vote was a very lively event at this meeting. We had 5 groups competing to hold the next meeting. This was most definitely promoted by the very high spirits that our meeting engendered.

I can very strongly recommend Keynote PCO to others who are coordinating conference events in Ireland. You're the best!

Sincerely,

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