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An Apology

On behalf of MCS-International.Org I would like to offer everyone on our Newsflash mailing list my sincere apologies for finding themselves in receipt of an unsolicited mass mailing from Tony Steddy of Medi-Air Inc (our country coordinator for Canada) in which their private email address was available to all via an accidental "CC" (carbon copy) sending rather than the intended "BCC" (blind carbon copy). I want everyone to know that this mailing was not in any way authorised by MCS.International.Org.

On receiving complaints and receiving a copy of the Medi-Air Inc mailing myself I immediately emailed Tony Steddy about this unauthorised use of our mailing list asking for a prompt explanation and assurances that a) there would further such mailings of any kind using the MCS-International.Org mailing list and b), that he would immediately delete any copies of our mailing list that he had on his PC systems.

Tony immediately offered and apology to all for any difficulties his accidental "CC" of our list may have caused (working late, tired, and quickly). Tony also immediately removed the MCS-International.Org mailing list from his system (including any backup copies) as requested to completely ensure that nothing like that ever happens again. Tony does a lot of good work within the MCS community and I hope that, like me, you won't hold this one-off error of judgement against him.

In fact the initiating error for Tony's unfortunate mailing was mine alone. Some weeks before I had sent our 3rd Newsflash using new software and was horrified to discover - after sending it out - that I too had accidentally sent the Newsflash out "CC" instead of "BCC". This was due to the new software working in a different and unexpected way. This was how Tony came to have our MCS-International.Org mailing list in his possession in the first place (which was then copied by a colleague into their mailing software). So, please accept my unreserved apology for any distress these errors may have caused.

My best wishes to you all for 2008.

Towards a toxin free future

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