

Dear Bruce:

I am very pleased to learn that you approve the invitation to the Istanbul Biennial.

Something tragic happened last week in my flat. My cleaning lady threw away John Tupper's letter and a few other documents thinking they were scrap paper while I was away in Ankara. I will be very happy if you can fax me the address and the fax/phone numbers of the External Affairs in Ottawa and the names of the people to contact there.

Meanwhile, I will get in contact with the Canadian Embassy here in Istanbul. There was an exhibition from Canada during the First Biennial, and the Embassy was very helpful. I will also ask them to sponsor your visit to Istanbul in the spring. When and if we can arrange your trip to Istanbul, it would be great if you can also give a lecture here on a topic of your choice. This would not only give us a boost for the sponsorship, but would also be very good for the Istanbul public. You could give the lecture in the framework of the international lectures organized by the Association of Plastic Arts-Turkey. This organization is extremely active and they work quiet effectively.

You will soon receive photographs of the interior taken before the renovation of the building. The basic structure is the same. Gae Aulenti is in charge of the restoration project, and we will not have exact technical and structural information before the end of February. I will nevertheless send you a general ground plan, but that too is subject to change. I will take over the space at the beginning of August. In short, basic renovation is now going on, and Aulenti's interior work begins in March. No need to panic, it will be ready. Turkey's construction companies do wonders almost overnight, and the sponsor company's construction firm is in charge of the restoration. For your interest, we have natural light (via UV protected glass) as well.

Although I was not at all happy about it, I was flattered by your words on my presentation in Sao Paolo. Yours was much more rigorous.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Best Wishes,