Division of History of Chemistry
American Chemical Society

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Ms. Lisa M. Browar, President
Linda Hall Library
5109 Cherry Street
Kansas City, MO 64110-2498

Dear Ms. Browar,

On behalf of the Division of History of Chemistry of the American Chemical Society (HIST), we are very pleased to inform you that the Linda Hall Library has been selected to receive our Certificate of Appreciation. For the past many years, the Linda Hall Library through its Digital Projects Graphic Design Team has provided the Division very high-quality digital scans of pages from old and very old chemistry journals. These digit scans have been used as the basis graphics for the manufacture of award plaques for one of HIST's award programs. Please let me explain.

For the past 17 years, HIST has celebrated the most seminal achievements in chemistry and the molecular sciences by identifying those achievements and awarding the institutions at which they were made a handsome award plaque. Those plaques always contain key text and/or graphics from the journal or book in which the breakthrough publication was first announced. The program is called "Citation for Chemical Breakthrough." It is fully described in an extensive website: http://acshist.scs.illinois.edu/awards/citations_chem-breakthroughs.php Examples of awardees include: Watson and Crick's discovery of the structure of DNA; Mendeleev's discovery of the periodic table; Pasteur's discovery of molecular chirality; Lauterbur's discovery of magnetic resonance imaging, etc. Illustrations of several of these plaques are attached.

We seek help from the Linda Hall Library as the library of last resort. When no other library can help us, we go to you. Without Linda Hall Library's scans, there would be no graphics for many of our awards. You can see how much you have helped us!

Over the years, several of your staff have responded to our calls. Most recently, Jon Rollins has helped us.

We have acknowledged Linda Hall Library on our website, cited above. But today, we are very happy to provide our highest award for Linda Hall Library's contributions, our Certificate of Appreciate in the form of an award plaque.

We hope you will display the award plaque in a location that will tangibly illustrate the appreciate that we and surely many others feel toward the Linda Hall Library. We would also be happy to arrange for an award ceremony. We would be happy to send a representative of HIST to the Linda Hall Library at a date that would suit your own schedule. We believe that the Kansas City Local Section of the ACS meets on occasion in Kansas City. Perhaps a presentation at a Local Section meeting would be suitable for you. We would also be please to arrange for a ceremony at one of the ACS National Meetings (the next several are in Indianapolis (March 26-30, 2023) and San Francisco (August 13-17, 2023).

One of us (JIS) will be happy to work with you regarding a ceremony, should you wish to have one.

In summary, this is our best way of signifying our appreciation to the Linda Hall Library.

Sincerely,

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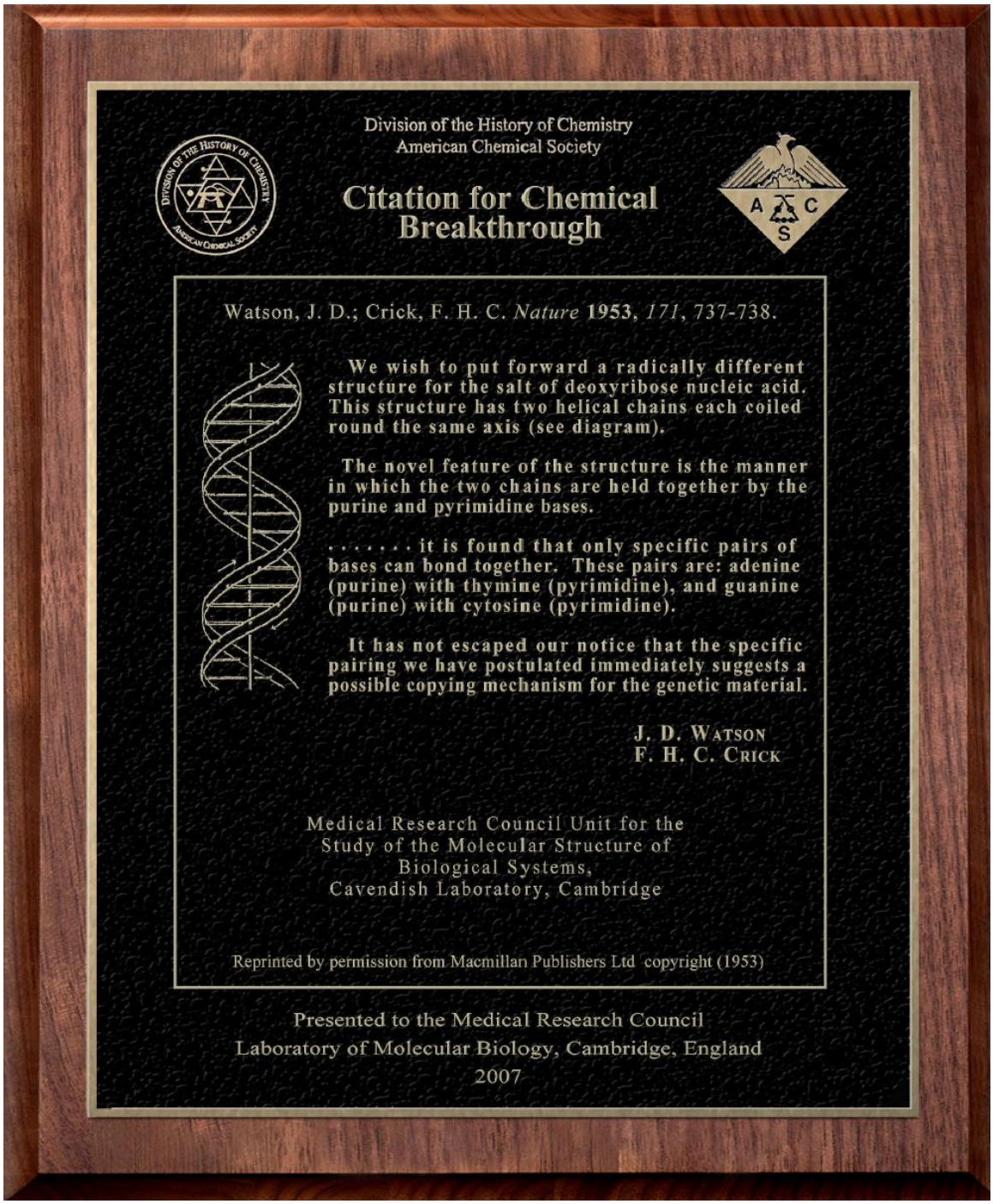
Mendeleev statue and plaque in Saint Petersburg State University.

The President of the University of Würzburg, at their celebration.



Watson and Crick, Cambridge, England.