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To whom it may concern

Re: Letter of institutional support for the project IBISCA: Programme 2006-2010:
Towards a Census of Rainforest Life

This is to express my support for the participation of our Institute in the IBISCA project. The Institute of Entomology staff participating in the IBISCA project will be provided with full access to the Institute's facilities and be fully supported in their research work.

The Institute of Entomology (Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic) is one of the leading European institutions in fundamental entomological research, and the home of the European Journal of Entomology. Our research team of 50 PhD level scientists has access to facilities including insect rearing facilities with controlled environment, electron microscopy, digital photography unit, molecular laboratory with automatic DNA sequencing facility, bio-statistics laboratory, local computer network with full internet connection and library. The Institute also supports strong postgraduate programs in biology.

The tropical biodiversity research has been traditionally one of the Institute's strong research areas. We have one of the strongest research records in tropical ecological research from the research institutions in new EU member states.

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