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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 enthusiastic support for the participation of our Center in the IBISCA project. Our Center will provide its research facilities and staff expertise, including experienced senior parataxonomist staff, at the disposal of the project.

Our Center the leading research institution for entomological and ecological research in New Guinea, one of the last three tropical wilderness areas harboring 5 % of the global biodiversity. We have established one of the two globally leading parataxonomist teams for biodiversity research and our field facilities in New Guinea and unparalleled. They include one fully equipped research facility and three field bases, affording access to some of the largest and least disturbed tracks of tropical rainforests. We have a successful record of ten years of local collaboration, training and research capacity building in Papua New Guinea, as well as experience from several major international collaborative research projects .

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