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Dear Yves:

I am happy to express my enthusiastic support of your proposal to the European Science Foundation for continued funding for the IBISCA biodiversity initiative. As you know, I've been involved as a taxonomic specialist of staphylinid beetles as a result of Dr. Alexey Tishechkin's participation in field sampling in Panamá and subsequent sorting activities here in our lab. The project has generated thousands of valuable specimens, many representing undescribed and/or poorly known species. Continuation of the project is important to bring the analytical and descriptive phases to fruition and ultimately provide an important contribution to understanding habitat niche partitioning and general patterns of biodiversity in tropical forests globally.

I look forward to continued involvement in the project and there is anything I can do to help ensure a positive outcome of your submission please don't hesitate to ask.

All the best,

Chris Carlton, Ph.D.
Professor and Director, Louisiana State Arthropod Museum



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