

Bogotá, September 11, 2013

Dr. Kevin Govender
Office of Astronomy for Development
International Astronomical Union

Dear Dr. Govender,

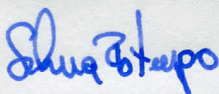
The purpose of this letter is to express the support of Universidad de los Andes to the establishment of the Andean Regional Office of Astronomy for Development (ROAD).

Our support has been materialized since last July 2013 when we hosted the Workshop "Astronomy in the Andes" to congregate astronomers from all the Andean ROAD countries: Bolivia, Chile, Ecuador, Peru, Venezuela and Colombia. This meeting served as a sort of unofficial kick-off meeting, preparing the way to the ROAD's official creation that we hope will take place in Florianapolis, Brazil, by the end of the year 2013 during the Latin-American Regional Meeting of the International Astronomical Union.

Additionally, Universidad de los Andes fully supports Dr. Jaime E. Forero-Romero, Assistant Professor in the Physics Department, in his role as the ROAD Nominal Coordinator as stated in the current proposal.

We will continue giving our support to this international initiative with the goal to strengthen the networks for scientific research, education and outreach in the Andean region.

Sincerely,



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