

Bogotá, September 10, 2014  
Dr. Kevin Govender  
Office of Astronomy for Development

Dear Dr. Govender,

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

Our support has been materialized since July 2013 when we hosted the Workshop "Astronomy in the Andes" to congregate astronomer 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 be materialized in January 2015.

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. For these duties Professor Forero-Romero can devote eight hours per week, outside his contractual duties at Universidad de los Andes.

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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Head of the Physics Department

