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To Dr. Hernán Porras Díaz, President,
Universidad Industrial de Santander

Subject: Latin-American Alliance for Capacity building in Advanced Physics – LA-CoNGA Physics

Dear President, dear colleague,

Our two institutions are participating in the Latin-American Alliance for Capacity building in Advanced Physics (LA-CoNGA Physics), a network composed of higher education institutions, research centers and industrial partners. On behalf of the Université Paris Diderot, I am pleased to inform you that the LA-CoNGA Physics proposal was selected to be funded by the European Commission. LA-CoNGA Physics is a Capacity Building for Higher Education project, funded under the frame of the Erasmus+ Programme, the European Framework Programme dedicated to education. Université Paris Diderot is delighted to coordinate this ambitious project.

LA-CoNGA Physics, scheduled to start in January 2020 for a period of three years, is an innovative proposal to modernize the educational strategy in eight universities in Colombia, Ecuador, Peru and Venezuela. LA-CoNGA Physics will implement a cross-institutional Master's degree in High Energy Physics (HEP) based on a modern e-learning platform, with open-access tools to interconnect a problem-solving-oriented curriculum with instrumentation laboratories and internships in leading research centers and industrial partners, both in Latin America and Europe. The LA-CoNGA Physics project leader is José Ocariz, Senior Professor of the Department of Physics at Université Paris Diderot.

The following higher education institutions are Project Partners in the LA-CoNGA network:

- UIS, Universidad Industrial de Santander, Colombia
- UAN, Universidad Antonio Nariño, Colombia
- USFQ, Universidad San Francisco de Quito, Ecuador
- YachayTech, Universidad de Investigación de Tecnología Experimental Yachay, Ecuador
- UNMSM, Universidad Nacional Mayor de San Marcos, Peru
- UNI, Universidad Nacional de Ingeniería, Peru
- UCV, Universidad Central de Venezuela, Venezuela

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- USB, Universidad Simón Bolívar, Venezuela
- UPD, Université Paris Diderot, France
- UPS, Université Paul Sabatier Toulouse III, France
- TUD, Technische Universität Dresden, Germany

CNRS, Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique, France, participates in LA-CoNGA Physics as Affiliated Partner through IN2P3, Institut National de Physique Nucléaire et Physique des Particules.

The following research and industrial institutions participate in LA-CoNGA Physics as Associated Partners:

- CERN, European Organization for Nuclear Research, Switzerland
- DESY, Deutsches Elektronen-Synchrotron, Germany
- ICTP, Abdus Salam International Centre for Theoretical Physics, Italy
- IRFU, Institut de Recherche sur les lois Fondamentales de l'Univers, France
- RedCLARA, Cooperación Latinoamericana de Redes Avanzadas, Uruguay
- NYAS, New York Academy of Sciences, USA
- ACAC, Asociación Colombiana para el Avance de la Ciencia, Colombia
- CAEN, Costruzioni Apparecchiature Elettroniche Nucleari, Italy
- FrontierX Analytics, Colombia
- DBaccess, Perú

In each partner institution, one or more academics are deeply involved in the LA-CoNGA Physics project, and their involvement is key for the project success. In your University the contact person is Dr. Luis A. Núñez de Villavicencio, Professor at the Physics Department. We kindly suggest that your administrative representatives refer to Professor Núñez de Villavicencio, lnunez@uis.edu.co, on all issues related to the LA-CoNGA Physics project. The support of your institution is essential to carry out this project.

Furthermore I would like to inform you that Université Paris Diderot will merge with Université Paris Descartes to become Université de Paris (<https://u-paris.fr/>) in 2020. This should not have a direct impact on our LA-CoNGA Physics project but we are at your disposal to answer any questions you may have.

The coordination team remains at your disposal for any further information.

Yours Faithfully,



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