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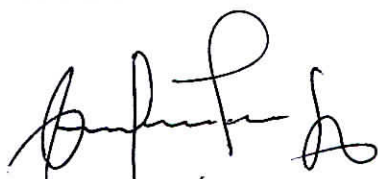
DAAD Travel Committee

Dear sirs:

I want to express my support to the initiative led by professor doctor Jaime E. Forero-Romero to develop an Astronomy Winter School in Germany with the sponsorship of DAAD in December of the current year. In this initiative fifteen young and bright undergraduate students from all over the country (3 of which come from the Physics Department Universidad de los Andes) will be given the unique opportunity to get in contact with graduate students and leading researchers in the field of Extragalactic Astronomy.

This experience will be of great value the Colombian Astronomical community at large, which will benefit in the long run from the friendship that will be tied during the trip. We, at Universidad de los Andes, are sure that the growth of a stronger local scientific community is a necessary basis to establish a solid ground for future scientific collaboration between Colombia and Germany.

Best regards,



Carlos Arturo Ávila Bernal
Chair
Physics Department, Universidad de los Andes



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