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Dear NumFOCUS,

As co-founder of the Florianópolis Data Science Meetup and an active member of the community, I would like to offer our full support for the Expansion of Carpentries in Brazil by Software Carpentry and Data Carpentry.

Florianópolis Data Science Meetup is a group of people who regularly meet to do talks and tutorials on subjects related to data science. It's a very diverse group, including data scientists, software developers, researchers, university students from all levels, and a lot of people that are just starting in the field. We started in 2015 and we already have more than 570 members. In 2016 we participated in SciPy Latin America and discovered Software Carpentry and Data Carpentry.

Software Carpentry's and Data Carpentry's proposal offers an important opportunity to improve training in the technical skills that are vital to conducting cutting-edge scientific research. Given the urgent need to equip scientists in our city with the knowledge and skills they need to improve research efficiency and outcomes.

Florianópolis Data Science Meetup offers its strong support for this initiative. We can help finding venues, improving the reach of the call for participants and with whatever the organizers may need.

Best regards,

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