

INTERCIENCIA ASSOCIATION STANDS IN SOLIDARITY WITH VENEZUELA

The INTERCIENCIA Association expresses its solidarity with the people of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela following the earthquakes that have occurred in the country, affecting numerous communities and causing loss of life, material damage, and profound social hardship for thousands of families.

On behalf of the scientific community of the Americas, our heartfelt condolences are extended to those who have lost loved ones, and solidarity is expressed with all those affected. The Association also recognizes the dedication of emergency response teams, healthcare personnel, volunteers, researchers, scientists, and public authorities who are working tirelessly in rescue operations, humanitarian assistance, damage assessment, and the recovery of the affected communities.

This message carries special significance for the Association. Venezuela holds a fundamental place in the history of INTERCIENCIA. The Venezuelan Association for the Advancement of Science (ASOVAC), together with the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) of the United States and the *Sociedade Brasileira para o Progresso da Ciência* (SBPC) of Brazil, was one of the three founding institutions that made the creation of the INTERCIENCIA Association possible, laying the foundations for a shared vision of scientific integration and cooperation throughout the Americas.

The INTERCIENCIA Association was also legally established in Venezuela, which hosted its headquarters during the first years of its institutional development. It was there that the INTERCIENCIA Journal began publication, becoming a leading multidisciplinary scientific journal in Latin

America and the Caribbean and contributing for decades to the dissemination of scientific and technological knowledge throughout the region.

For these reasons, the Venezuelan people, their scientific community, and ASOVAC are an inseparable part of INTERCIENCIA's identity and institutional heritage. At this difficult time, the Association reaffirms its solidarity with Venezuelan colleagues and with all those affected, confident that the scientific community of the Americas stands beside them with respect, commitment, and a spirit of cooperation.

As an organization committed to strengthening science, technology, innovation, regional cooperation, and sustainable development, INTERCIENCIA reaffirms the importance of scientific knowledge for comprehensive disaster risk management, seismic monitoring, prevention, strengthening community resilience, and rebuilding affected areas based on the principles of safety and sustainability.

The INTERCIENCIA Association expresses its sincere wishes for the swift recovery of the affected communities and reiterates its enduring commitment to regional scientific cooperation in the service of the well-being, security, and development of the peoples of the Americas. In these difficult times, we reaffirm our conviction that solidarity among nations and scientific knowledge placed at the service of society constitute essential pillars for addressing and overcoming the challenges facing our communities.

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