



November 19, 2010

Dr. Luis Izquierdo Vásquez
National University of San Marcos
Lima, Peru

Dear Dr. Vásquez:

I have recently learned that you are endeavoring to construct new facilities for your graduate school and the Museo de Historia Natural. I congratulate you on this ambitious endeavor.

I have also recently heard from scientists and scientific organizations familiar with your efforts that the planning has not appropriately considered the storage, security, and preservation needs of the scientific collections affiliated with the Museo de Historia Natural. I recognize that constructing new facilities is a daunting and complicated process, but it is imperative that these irreplaceable scientific collections not be jeopardized during this process. I respectfully encourage you to work closely with the scientists and administrators affiliated with the Museo de Historia Natural to ensure the appropriate preservation and use of these important scientific collections.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'W-Y-B' with a flourish at the end.

William Y. Brown, Ph.D.
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