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Dear Dr. Larrondo,

I am very happy to hear about your initiative to turn you existing Millennium Nucleus into a **Millennium Institute**. I have followed from very close the excellent quality of the work that has been produced by your previous center (MN-FISB). Your Fungal Research program in Chile has very high quality and it can be compared to the best quality work in the world. Therefore, I would like to express my sincere support for the Millennium Initiative grant application entitled "**Millennium Institute for Integrative Systems and Synthetic Biology (MISSB)**", that you direct. Recently, I have been visiting your laboratory, and discussing the work progress with several of your PhD students and Postdoctoral fellows and I could see the high standards of quality of the research your group is doing in Chile. I foresee that the presence of a Millennium Institute for Integrative Systems and Synthetic Biology (MISSB) in your country would potentiate the possibilities to interact with the Brazilian fungal research community, synergizing science in both countries and expanding the possibilities of scientific training.

As you know, my group has been at the forefront of fungal genetics in Brazil during the last 20 years. I would be happy to provide your group with advice and also to be part of graduate teaching activities in Chile.



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I strongly support his application and I am completely available for further questions and enquiries concerning it.

Please, feel free to contact me for any further questions.

Sincerely,

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