

Concepción, March 22th 2010

Dr.

Miguel Castanho

President

Portuguese Biochemical Society

Dear Dr Castanho:

We are very gratefully for your condolences words and the help offered by your Society in support to repair the damage caused by the recent earthquakes which affect our laboratories.

The Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, at the Faculty of Biological Sciences, University of Concepcion, and also laboratories localized at University of Talca, have been hardly smashed up by the earthquake. Important scientific equipment and refrigerated molecular and cellular biology reagents were lost (see list below).

Instruments such as:

Real Time PCR MJResearch Opticón 2

Gas Chromatographer

Two cell culture chamber CO<sub>2</sub>

-80°C freezer

3 analytical balance ( $\pm 0,0001$  g)

Fraction sampler Gilson FC 203B

2 Water distillers

UV-Vis Spectrophotometer

Multiplate counter

Stereoscopic microscope

Photodocumentation system

2 Biosecurity cabinet type II

1 ultra centrifuge

Additionally, many small laboratory equipment: Microcentrifuge, vortex, micropipette, electrophoresis equipment, power supply, etc. were also lost.

Also a big amount of molecular biology and biochemistry reagents were render unusable because our freezer were without electricity longer to a week.

An estimative value for equipments and reagents damages either total or partially at both institutions is around US\$ 500.000.-

To canalize your generously help, we have a international account in which you can transfer your collaborations:

Customer name: Sociedad de Bioquímica de Chile

Customer address: Vicuña Mackena 20, Providencia. Santiago, Chile

Bank: Banco de Crédito e Inversiones

Branch: Main Office, Huerfano 1134, Santiago, Chile

Swift code: CREDCLRM

Account number: 110 74 825

We deeply appreciate your support again that will allow to our laboratories continue with our research.

Sincerely yours,



Dr. Jose Martinez O.  
General Secretary



Dr. Juan Olate A.  
President