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Distinguished Ing. Agr. Luis Armando Castilla,

on November 22, 2022 we received your communication that in Medellín, Colombia, during the VI Pan-American Congress of the "Asociación Panamericana de Ingenieros Agronomos" (APIA), the Management Board and the Assembly of Colleges of Agronomists met on November 21, 2022 to renew the Management Board of APIA for the period 2022-2025, which is therefore composed as follows:

- President: Luis Armando Castilla, from Colombia;
- Vicepresident: Jorge Wicha from Chile;
- General Secretary: Claudia Aristizabal from Colombia;
- Vicepresident Región Norte: Eduardo Ramirez from México;



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- Vicepresident Región Centroamérica: Claudia Barillas from Guatemala;
- Vicepresident Región Andina: Saul López from Venezuela;
- Vicepresident Región Cono Sur: Angelo Petto Neto from Brasil;
- Vicepresident Región del Caribe: pending.

In the same communication we were informed that a "dissident" group, without legal representation, would have assumed the representation of APIA.

In fact, on November 24, 2022 we received communication from the Past President of APIA, Ing. Agr. Bernal Mendez Arias, that on November 21, 2022 a General Assembly of the APIA was held, in video conference mode, for the election of the Management Board of APIA for the period 2022-2024, which appears as follows:

- President: Octavio Pérez Pardo, from Argentina;
- Vicepresident: Juan Ramón Rosales from Nicaragua;
- General Secretary: Guillermo Farbman from Argentina;
- Vicepresident Región Norte: Héctor Glower from Mexico;
- Vicepresident Región Centroamérica: Luis Berrios from Honduras;
- Vicepresident Región Andina: Corina Pérez from Bolivia;
- Vicepresident Región Cono Sur: Kleber Santos from Brasil;
- Vicepresident Región del Caribe: Cesar Matos from R. Dominicana.

With regard to this matter, after a careful analysis of the acts and related documentation, the WAA-AMIA Management Board met on April 7, 2023 and has made the following Decision:

GIVEN THAT

1. the General Assembly of APIA of November 2018 in Costa Rica, as reported in the related minutes, decided that the VI Pan-American Congress of APIA would have been held in Colombia;
2. on November 21, 2022, upon the occasion of the VI Congreso Panamericano de Ingenieros Agrónomos, the Management Board and the Assembly of Colleges of Agronomists regularly met in Colombia to renew the Management Board of APIA for the period 2022-2025 (according to Minutes of the Assembly realized in Medellin on 21 nov. 2022);
3. the "Federación de Colegios de Ingenieros Agrónomos de México A.C." (FECIAM) appointed on 10.29.2022 as its representative in APIA the Ing. Agr. Eduardo Ramírez Esquivel;
4. the "Colegio de Ingenieros Agronomos y profesionales de Bolivia" (CIAB) appointed on 10.29.2022 as its representative in APIA the Ing. Agr. Marco Antonio Villarroel Viruhez;

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5. the "Colegio de Ingenieros Agronomos y profesionales de Bolivia" (CIAB), as reported in the 04.26.2022 letter, communicated the expulsion from CIAB of the Ing. Agr. Corina Perez.

CONSIDERING THAT

1. the procedures for the calling and execution of the "video conference" General Assembly convened and then held on November 21, 2022 by the former President of APIA Ing. Agr. Bernal Mendez Arias occurred in an irregular mode and in violation of the APIA Bylaws and Regulation;
2. the Management Board of APIA 2022-2024 appointed during the General Assembly in "video conference" is composed with some Board Members who are NOT official representatives of their National Associations (Ing. Agr. Héctor Glower from Mexico, Ing. Agr. Corina Pérez from Bolivia);
3. the WORLD ASSOCIATION OF AGRONOMISTS, as established by its Bylaws (art. 3), accepts the registration of national, continental, associated, cooperating and honorary Members on the basis of the presentation of its Bylaws and Regulation;
4. within the WORLD ASSOCIATION OF AGRONOMISTS, as established by its Bylaws (art. 4), the WAA-AMIA Members have the duty to respect the Bylaws and the Regulations of the Association.

The WAA-AMIA Management Board unanimously has DECIDED:

1. to recognize as VALIDLY ELECTED the Management Board of APIA 2022-2025 appointed on November 21, 2022 in Medellin Colombia, President: Luis Armando Castilla, from Colombia (according to the Minutes of the legal Assembly realized in Medellin, Nov 21, 2022);
2. to consider ILLEGITIMATE, because of serious violations of the APIA Bylaws and Regulation, as well as of the WAA-AMIA Bylaws and Regulation, the APIA 2022-2024 board appointed on November 21, 2022 in "video conference", President: Octavio Pérez Pardo, from Argentina.

Best regards,

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