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I would like to bring to your attention an event which has dramatically affected one of the Institutes of Biochemistry of Chile when a terrible fire on December 3, 2007, has devastated the School of Sciences of the "Universidad Austral de Chile". Luckily, nobody was hurt but there is a big concern that many graduate students will not be able to complete their thesis. The IUBMB has expressed its solidarity and at the same time will try to facilitate the relocation of students to host laboratories and/or give the Institute some financial support to ease the immediate costs caused by the destruction of the laboratories. Although I is not in our capacity to offer sufficient financial support for the reconstruction of the building, our help may facilitate the initiation of temporary activities needed to maintain continuity in the scientific endeavor and responsibilities of the Institute.

Help from the IUBMB will be provided, but at the same time I ask you kindly to help the Institute of Biochemistry of Chile in any possible form (hosting students, providing financial support, providing chemicals, computers and software, and whatever else may be needed).

The IUBMB will be proud of showing a generous, human effort to alleviate the suffering of colleagues that will have, as a scope, to allow them continuing their scientific research and teaching..
Donations can be made to

Banco Santander, account number: 5100058008 (transfer code: Swift BSCHCLRM).

If you transfer money and/or do any other actions to help us, please send a message to the Rector and Pro-Rector of the University and to Dr. Ilona I. Concha (Professor in charge of national and international donations to the University) stating that your Organization is supporting the Institute of Biochemistry.

The e-mail addresses are:

- 1.- Professor Victor Cubillos, Rector of the University, rectoria@uach.cl
- 2.- Professor Juan Omar Cofre, ProRector of the University, prorector@uach.cl
- 3.- Professor Ilona I. Concha, conchagrabinger@uach.cl

Let me know your decision please, to allow listing your Organization on the IUBMB website among other generous participants in this expression of human solidarity.

Thank you very much in advance for what you will be able to do and best regards

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