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Dear Jean-Patrick,

First of all, I should like to congratulate Euroscience on its initiative to promote a real bottom-up coming together of the European science community, covering the whole research spectrum, in Euroscience 2004 (ESOF 2004). This is a very important move which will put Europe on par with what happens in the U.S.A. I very much hope that it will attract good support from both the public and private sectors across Europe and I should like to record my appreciation of the commitment made by Swedish organisations and also by foundations from Germany.

I should like to formally record the support of ESF towards ESOF 2004. We cannot, of course, provide substantial financial contributions but we have and will continue to provide support through the involvement of our professional staff and do whatever else we can to ensure the success of 2004. You can count on us as a partner in this enterprise.

I also hope that you will be successful in gaining the level of support necessary to have a significant event which will be the first of an ongoing series. I also hope that the European Commission will support financially and morally ESOF 2004.

Yours sincerely,

Eric Banda

cc: C.J. Sundberg, Euroscience