

**Programa de Grande Escala da Biosfera-Atmosfera na Amazônia  
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Dear Dr Hoelzmann,

**Letter of support for joint IGAC/iCACGP conference of 2014 in Brazil**

On behalf of the Large-scale Biosphere-Atmosphere Programme (LBA) I would like to express our full support for your initiative of hosting the joint IGAC/iCACGP conference of the year 2014 in Natal, Rio Grande de Norte, Brazil.

LBA is a research programme of the Ministry of Science, Technology and Innovation of the Brazilian Government, based at the National Institute of Research in Amazonia (INPA). LBA has a long successful history in welcoming atmospheric physicists and chemists with a research interest in atmosphere - biosphere interactions in Amazonia. Over the years LBA has proved to be a successful platform of national and international collaboration among leading Brazilian and foreign atmospheric scientists. This is well illustrated by the numbers of peer reviewed publications that LBA projects have fostered - well over 1,000 articles have been published in atmospheric and meteorological sciences since 1989.

We strongly believe that hosting the joint IGAC/iCACGP conference in Brazil would be important for the full recognition of the advances that Brazil has contributed in the fields of atmospheric physics and chemistry. Given the academic excellence in these fields of Brazilian institutions and the enthusiasm of the scientists we are convinced that the event in Natal would be a great success.

Through our existing LBA mailing list will be happy to advertise your bid with scientists, and later on your conference call / programme on our website. We shall be happy assist in any way within our means.

Yours sincerely,

  
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