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Subject: French proposal to organise the World Poultry Congress in 2020, in Paris

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Dear Colleague,

The French scientific community informed me about its willingness to apply to the organisation the World Poultry Congress in 2020 (WPC2020), in Paris. As the Executive Deputy General Director, in charge of Scientific Organization, Resources and Evaluation of the French National Institute for Agricultural Research (INRA), I am pleased to strongly support such an application.

As a public institute in charge of strategic and targeted research in the field of food, agriculture and environment, under the control of the Ministry of Agriculture and of the Ministry of Research, INRA aims at producing knowledge and innovation and providing expertise, to face the great scientific challenges raised by the ongoing transitions and global changes. Poultry productions present strong assets in order to meet the challenge of feeding a growing human population, as shown by the foresight analysis led by INRA and the French Technical Institute for Poultry Production (ITAVI). Poultry research is therefore vivid in the three INRA research divisions, which deal with animal sciences (Animal Genetics; Animal Physiology and Production Systems; Animal Health) and have set up in our Research Centre of Tours a major task force for poultry species, which is the largest in Europe.

Economic stakeholders of the poultry sector as well as INRA scientists and engineers are members of the French branch of WPSA, which gathers all the skills needed to organise major international scientific events. The French branch organised the European Poultry Conference in Tours in 2010, which attracted about 1200 participants from all around the world. The proposal to hold the 2020 World Poultry Congress in France is a logical follow-up of this European success.

INRA brings its full support to the committee set up by the French branch to prepare the bid for Paris, and particularly to the INRA members of this committee: M. Tixier-Boichard, M. Duclos and M. Lessire. There is no doubt that all agents of INRA, scientists, engineers, technicians, and PhD students, will be fully motivated to make the WPC2020 a great event.

Hoping that the French bid to the WPC2020 organisation will be successful,

Best regards


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