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Dear Colleague,

It is with great pleasure that I express here the firm interest of the Life and Health Sciences graduate school (LIFE) of Université Côte d'Azur for a collaborative exchange with the Centro Interdisciplinario de Neurociencia de Valparaíso (CINV).

Université Côte d'Azur, one of the 10 research-intensive Universities in France, possesses a large community in Life Sciences, with **more than 1000 scientists gathered within 86 teams in 5 major research centers** that cover multiple thematic **and 4 specialized institutes.** Noticeably, the work of this community in ion transport, membrane dynamics and molecular neurobiology has been widely recognized and awarded the prestigious label of Laboratory of Excellence (Labex) on Ion Channels Science and Therapeutics.

In this context, we are extremely enthusiastic with this proposal to exchange Scientists, Graduate Students as well as courses between our institutions in scientific domains such as biophysics of membranes and membrane proteins, ion channels and transporters, neuronal excitability, computational neurosciences or mathematical modeling. This list is of course not exhaustive.

Based on scientific and pedagogical collaborations, we can provide Visiting Scientists with appropriate working space and access to library, computer, and lab facilities. We are also

willing to setup mutual exchanges of our graduate students, in the context of their training and of research collaborations between our research teams. Furthermore, we will setup mutual teaching Units, summer or winterschools that will be led and/or attended by students and scientists of our two institutions.

I am looking forward a fruitful exchange and collaboration.

With my very best regards