

Managua, September 12, 2018

Arq. Adriana de la Cruz Molina
IANAS

Ref: IANAS/TWAS-ROLAC Anneke Levelt-Senger Prize Women for Science in Americas 2018

Dear Adriana,

I am pleased to write in reference to the call received for submitting candidates to the Anneke Levelt Sengers Prize Women for Science in Americas, 2018, promoted by the Inter-American Network of Academies of Sciences (IANAS), the World Academy of Sciences (TWAS-ROLAC) and the Brazilian Academy of Sciences (ABC).

Upon learning about the call, our Academy shared it with each and every member of our Academy for the nomination of candidates. Subsequently, the Board of Directors undertook the task of analyzing the documents submitted for all candidates, coming to the final unanimous selection of Dr. Tania Toruño. She completed her doctoral studies in the area of Plant Pathology at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, USA, and has continued working in that field of scientific research in the Department of Plant Pathology, University of California-Davis, USA. While abroad, Tania also keeps good professional contact with the Nicaraguan scientific community, especially with the group of young researchers, which includes young women.

It is our conviction that the valuable scientific work carried out by Tania to date and her outstanding record in her area of research, make her an optimal candidate for the Anneke Levelt Sengers prize. We consider that the research that she is currently doing can be an important contribution to the global scientific knowledge.

The attached documents reveal Tania's exceptional scientific career and we are sure that her dedication and love of science will continue to bring about important achievements in her research. Furthermore, we believe that the award can be of enormous value in stimulating young Nicaraguan researchers to pursue scientific careers, especially in the hard times that our youth are currently living.

We are very grateful for the opportunity to submit this remarkable candidacy and I am pleased to greet you,

Sincerely yours,



Melba Castillo A.
Vice President

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