



Lund, Stockholm and Uppsala November 14, 2019

Dear Flavio Salazar Onfray, Vice-rector for research, University of Chile
Dear Pedro Bouchon, Vice-rector for research, Pontifical Catholic University of Chile
Dear Christian Formoso, Director for International Relations Office, University of Magallanes

We have been following the latest developments in Chile with great concern. Each one of our four universities have reflected and discussed the current situation. Our standpoint is that we must listen and respect the extraordinary situation that Chile is presently facing. Based on this we have determined that it is inappropriate to go forward with the Swedish-Chilean academic forum while Chile is living through one of the most severe crises in modern time.

Our four Universities, that constitute the Swedish part of the Steering Committee, have taken the decision to postpone the ACCESS-seminar planned to be held in Uppsala and Stockholm 2-5 December 2019. The seminar will be postponed to 2020, exact dates will be discussed and decided within the steering committee as soon as possible.

From the depth of our hearts we hope that democratic values and principles will prevail in order for Chile to find a peaceful solution.

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Stacey Sörensen
Pro vice-chancellor, Lund University

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Marika Edoff,
Professor, Uppsala University

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Ylva Hillbur'.

Ylva Hillbur,
Pro vice-chancellor, Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences

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Ken Benson,
Professor, Stockholm University