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Exploration activities with Latin America (2013-2016)  
Seminar on 2015 Seed Money projects with Argentina, Chile, Colombia, Mexico and Peru

**“Encouraging Swiss scientific collaboration with Latin America:  
How to take Seed Money projects to the next level? ”**

Thursday, 17 November 2016, 13:00 – 17:10  
Venue: Room BC 420, EPFL Campus, Lausanne

**Final Programme**

*The Seminar will be mainly in English, with contributions and interventions also in French and Spanish*

Moderated by **Nicolas Mora Parra**, Colombian Association of Researchers in Switzerland

12:30 – 13:00 *Registration – sandwiches and coffee*

13:00 – 13:20 **Welcome and Introduction**

*Jean-Claude Bolay*, Director of Cooperation, CODEV EPFL

*Roger Swifcz*, Scientific Advisor, Swiss State Secretariat for Education, Research and Innovation (SERI)

*Gabriela Tejada*, Programme Leader, EPFL Leading House

13:20 – 15:10 **Part 1: Scientific collaboration experiences, results and prospects**

**Argentina:** "Morphological diversity and growth in cattle and horse domestication: The Vaca Nata and the Falabella from Argentina", *Marcelo Sánchez*, University of Zurich, *Daniel Núñez*, IANIGLA-CONICET

"Experimental and numerical characterization of the mechanical behavior of ultra-high performance fibre-reinforced concrete under high loading rate", (*Ezio Cadoni*, SUPSI), *Bibiana Luccioni*, Universidad Nacional de Tucuman

**Chile:** "Cooperating toward greater social quality: Designing a need-based intergroup contact situation", *Johannes Ullrich*, University of Zurich, *Tabea Hässler*, University of Zurich, *Daniel Valdenegro*, Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile

**Colombia:** "Cost-effective strengthening solutions to reduce vulnerability of new Colombian building construction typology", (*Katrin Beyer*, EPFL), *Joao Almeida*, EPFL, *Lisandro Jiménez*, Universidad del Valle

**Mexico:** "Urban, rural and indigenous ritual practices in Mexico between symbolism and political strategies", *Silvia Mancini*, University of Lausanne, *David Robichaux*, Universidad Iberoamericana

**Peru:** "Risk assessment of geogenic contaminants in groundwater resources of the Amazon Basin", (*Michael Berg*, EAWAG), *Caroline de Meyer*, EAWAG

**Q & A / Open discussion**

15:10 - 15:30 *Coffee break / Networking*

15:30 – 17:00 **Part 2: How to take Seed Money projects to the next level? : Opportunities and challenges**

**Fundraising experiences:**

**Mexico:** "Chemical defenses in wild and cultivated cotton plants", *Ted Turlings*, University of Neuchatel

**Colombia:** "A pilot integrative knowledge base for the characterization and tracking of multi resistant *Acinetobacter baumannii* in Colombian hospitals", *Laurent Falquet*, University of Fribourg

**Funding agencies and instruments:**

*Stéphanie Boder-Pasche*, International Cooperation, Swiss National Science Foundation (SNSF)

*Tristan Piguet*, Programme Manager, International Funding / EUresearch, EPFL

**Q & A / Open discussion**

17:00 - 17:10 **Wrap up and conclusions**

*Gabriela Tejada*, EPFL Leading House

17:10 *Farewell Aperó / Networking*