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To whom it may concern,

As Chair of the Leadership Group for VIVO (<https://vivo.lyrasis.org/>), I strongly support and appreciate Professor José Francisco Salm Junior's important work. VIVO is a member supported open source software community that uses an ontology for representing scholarly expertise. With your help, the VIVO effort has spanned national boundaries and will continue to grow and benefit diverse stakeholders.

In 2022, Professor José Francisco Salm Junior began to work with the VIVO Ontology Interest Group on the VIVO2CERIF mapping project as part of his own work with the New Lattes Platform from Brazil. Recently, he proposed the use of competency questions following on an ontology engineering method that is benefiting the larger process of reviewing the VIVO Ontology.

His significant work in this regard has strengthened the VIVO Ontology as a standard for research information. Specifically, he has helped advance the standard by aligning experiences from the Hercules Ontology Project in Spain (<https://github.com/HerculesCRUE/ib-hercules-ontology>), the German Research Core Data Set (KDSF, <http://hdl.handle.net/11366/978>), the New Lattes Platform (CNPq) data standard from Brazil (<https://lattes.cnpq.br>) and the Portuguese CIENCIAVITAE (FCT) Project (<https://www.cienciavitae.pt/>). This last work he has developed in cooperation with other VIVO Ontology Group members, demonstrating an important level of collaborative ability.

In short, the contributions of Professor José Francisco Salm Junior to our VIVO Ontology Interest Group and the larger community have helped to improve the VIVO Ontology and are moving this important standard for research information forward. We sincerely appreciate all his efforts and your support for his project.

Best regards,



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