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Estimados lectores, autores y árbitros de *Nova Scientia*:

En los días previos a la salida de este nuevo número de nuestra revista tuvo lugar en la Escuela de Salud Pública de la prestigiosa Universidad de Harvard una jornada de homenaje al Profesor Richard Levins en ocasión de su 85 cumpleaños.

A continuación el texto de la carta que escribimos en nombre de nuestro Consejo Editorial y que se explica por sí sola.

León, México, May 19, 2015

Dear Organizers and Participants of the Levins Festschrift:

We address you on behalf of the Editorial Board of the electronic magazine Nova Scientia (<http://novascientia.delasalle.edu.mx/ojs/index.php/Nova>). Unfortunately, none of us can be present at the homage during the last days of May. However, we sincerely join the tribute organized by the Harvard School of Public Health.

As we all know, Richard is a senior scientist with important contributions in ecology, mathematics related to various current problems in biology, evolution and sociology, and even core aspects of philosophy. It is therefore not surprising that Richard has received honors like the one we are giving to him these days. Richard approaches to these problems have set important guidelines for the scientific community and have established a line of thought, not only more accurate, but also more humane. It is also important to point out his social concerns, beyond science.

We have witnessed the altruistic nature of Richard's assistance to groups in disadvantaged countries, particularly in the Latin American region. One example of what I just said is his involvement in the Editorial Board of Nova Scientia. We are honored and proud that Richard belongs to our Editorial Board. Since joining our collective Richard has participated with enthusiasm, bringing his extensive experience in improving our magazine with concrete proposals. It is really impressive his clarity of mind and ability to understand the different circumstances of our reality. At the same time, we are also impressed by the sense of humor of Richard. Richard's presence at a meeting, a meal or a walk is a hymn to life, seriously and joyfully lived.

We hope to continue to count on the company of Richard for a long time. We congratulate his family, closest friends, colleagues, and ourselves to have Richard close.

I fear not being sufficiently eloquent. The members of the Editorial Board of Nova Scientia share this joy with all of you. Believe me that our modest participation in this homage to Richard is very sincere; it comes directly from our hearts.

Dr. Rolando Pérez Alvarez
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