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Dear Colleagues,

On behalf of the Wenner-Gren Foundation, I'd like to express my whole-hearted endorsement of the Motion of the 32nd RBA: Diversify Information and Education about the Global Anthropologies of Foreign Researchers and Anthropology Students.

The measures that strike closest to the heart of our work are the following, which we quote directly from the Motion:

To avoid cognitive extractivism:

- Only finance research projects to be conducted abroad that clearly demonstrate knowledge of work produced by local academics by citing literature in the local language about pertinent issues;
- Indicate the need for the involvement of foreign researchers with the local academic community where research is conducted by means of their presence in graduate courses in the country in question;
- Clearly instruct foreign researchers to consider local academics as partners and not as informants, and to cite them properly.

Wenner-Gren is dedicated to broadening the conversation in anthropology to represent the full diversity of the field. As part of this effort, we will strive to implement these measures. We have taken steps to enhance the training our reviewers receive to ensure that they take these important commitments into account. We will prioritize funding for research meeting these criteria.

As the sponsor of *SAPIENS* and *Current Anthropology*, our work bears on these measures, as well:

To increase the diversity of knowledge about global anthropologies:

- Journals should publish articles by anthropologists from a variety of countries;
- Pluralize the composition of editorial boards and their policies, considering the diversity of international perspectives, interests and styles.

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The editors-in-chief of these publications have taken strides to accomplish these objectives – and are committed to doing even more in the years to come.

Thank you so much for this forceful statement.

Very sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a vertical line on the left that curves into a loop at the top, followed by a series of connected loops and a final downward stroke on the right.

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