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Response to the Evaluation Report of KITLV
Leiden, June 15, 2018

Dear members of the Board,

The KITLV Science Committee (WeCo) thanks the Evaluation Committee for their assessment report, and is very happy with the high qualifications awarded for both scientific quality and societal relevance. The WeCo has already discussed several of the points made by the Evaluation Committee in their previous meetings.

The fact that the assessment is based on international benchmarks is very positive and demonstrates the excellent quality of the institute. The WeCo would be interested to further discuss how the KITLV could strengthen its international position, for example through an exchange program of its younger staff.

The WeCo underlines the recommendations of the Evaluation Committee regarding the challenges that the KITLV will be facing in the years to come specifically regarding leadership, staff diversity (age, gender, ethnic) and research focus. Of course the current financial situation of the Institute hampers to adequately solve this in a short period of time.

Furthermore, the Evaluation committee's recommendations to appoint a PhD coordinator seems to be an excellent idea. Also, the recommendation to strengthen the collaboration with Leiden University researchers is worthy and should be further discussed.

Yours sincerely



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