

The Secretary General will be Dr Carlos Bosque of Universidad Simón Bolívar (*E-mail*: carkisb@usb.ve).

More and updated information about the organizers, the venue, the scientific program,

registration fees, accommodations, and excursions, can be obtained, either in English or Spanish, from the NOC web page (*http://www.nocvenezuela.org/en/index/cfm*).

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In the heading of the third column of Table 1, under “Occurrence”, the first “No items” needs to be changed for “No. Samples”.