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Dear Committee members,

Wikimania is a crucial event dedicated to the global Wikimedia community and to the free culture movement where we, as a community and as an organisation, can regroup, meet, and share our challenges and achievements. This global sharing of experiences has rapidly shown to have a major impact on the community and to have met an increasing demand for encounters. It is now one of the cornerstone of our global community and helps bond an ever-growing and ever more diverse set of individuals and organisations dedicated to free culture.

In the wake of the bidding for Wikimania 2010, Wikimédia France has decided to support the bid made by Wikimedia Netherlands. Their team has made a strong case by bringing together a dedicated core of volunteers to help set up a conference and by setting the tone for an ambitious conference on free culture. Besides, Wikimedia Netherlands has already garnered a large experience in organizing conferences. Amsterdam is also well-connected to most international airports and the european continental railways provides easy access to the city.

We are proud to support the bid from Wikimedia Netherlands for Wikimania 2010.

Yours truly,

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