

Dear Oat Friends,

Thank you so much to all the delegates for having supported the Bid for the IOC in Chile 2026!!! We are happy to welcome you in our country next 2026 ... first time of an IOC in Latin America!!!

The international IOC congress have been a great opportunity for the international Oat community for sharing ideas, learning from others, collaborate between breeders, scientist, mills, and all actors of the oat value chain. We require to keep this community alive and connected to face the development of this nutritionally noble crop considering the amazing opportunities we have in nutrition, products and markets.

As mentioned during IOC in Perth 2022, Chile is having a great growth in the Oat exports in the last decades, combining amazing yield growth, milling industries, scientific communities, and markets developments. We are happy to welcome the international Oat Community and share with you our experience of joint work between breeders, science, industry, and markets in an amazing landscape surrounded by Volcano's and Lakes.

We also want to express our gratitude to the International Oat Board and specially Charlene and Dr Beuch for the flawless and transparent process. Thank you so much to everybody for believing in our proposal and conducting this open process.

Happy to welcome you soon in Chile!!

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