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Re: peer review

Dear Mr. Motta Pinto-Coelho,

In the WOTRO competition of 2004 you advised on the application for the PhD-research project "Effects of climate, nutrients and vegetation on the trophic cascade; a study of lakes along a latitudinal gradient in South-America" of Prof. dr. M. Scheffer, in the framework of the PhD-fellowships for students from developing countries.

Herewith I would like to inform you that WOTRO Board has decided to award the application. The decision was taken on the basis of peer review reports, a ranking of all the applications by an advisory committee and consideration of the financial means.

Peer review by individual senior researchers (the 'referees') is an essential part of the appraisal of applications. On behalf of the WOTRO Board I thank you sincerely for your specific contribution to the evaluation procedure.

We would be grateful if we could call upon your expertise for future applications in your field of research.

On behalf of the Board of WOTRO,  
the secretary,

Dr. R.R. van Kessel-Hagsteijn

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