Dear members of Grupo de Estudios Ambientales A.C.

Elinor Ostrom was an exceptional academic leader who challenged the conventional vision of individuals who act only as rational utility-maximizers. Throughout her academic career, she had outstanding contributions to the analysis of economic governance, especially the commons. Because of them, she was awarded the 2009 Sveriges Riksbank Prize in Economic Sciences in Memory of Alfred Nobel.

In recognition of her prolific and extraordinary career, which also included interdisciplinary collaboration beyond the realm of social sciences, fifteen institutions have instituted the Elinor Ostrom Award on Collective Governance of the Commons, to acknowledge and promote the work of practitioners, young and senior scholars involved in the field of the commons.

The Elinor Ostrom Award seeks to acknowledge Ostrom’s legacy for scholarship and policy-making on the commons, common-pool resources and collective action, while making it accessible to wider and more varied audiences, within and outside of academia. Recognizing Ostrom’s pedagogical and mentoring approach to the training of graduate students as young colleagues, this award is an effort to turn her legacy into a living one.

The Award seeks to promote academic research on the commons and collective action. It also focuses on the understanding of commons governance, and the critical importance of applied policy. Likewise it acknowledges the study and practice in the management, protection, and/or creation of different types of commons at different scales and in different regions of the world, particularly those related to the great contemporary socio-environmental challenges.

The Ostrom Award, established in 2013, received numerous nominations, each of which has been extensively reviewed by experts and evaluated by the Award Council. We are delighted to inform that you have been awarded with the Elinor Ostrom Award on Collective Governance of the Commons, in the Practitioners category. The Award consists
on a sum of money, as well as a travel grant to assist you to attend to the first Award Ceremony, which will occur during the XIV International Association for the Study of the Commons Global Conference, in Japan, from the 3rd to the 7th of June, 2013.

Because this event will occur soon, we ask you to let us know if you will be able to attend the Ceremony, so that we are able to make all needed arrangements prior your arrival. Please don’t hesitate to contact us at: ostromaward@gmail.com

Receive our best regards and congratulations on this important achievement.

Leticia Merino Pérez
on behalf of the Elinor Ostrom Award on Collective Governance of the Commons Council