**FULBRIGHT-NEXUS Interim Narrative Report**

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1. Working Groups

I belong to the Economics Group. Perhaps somewhat surprisingly (or not, because we are all economists in the group), there is a considerable amount of homogeneity in the way we think within the group. This has facilitated our team-work. I think we are really working as a group and it is not easy from me to disentangle my individual contributions to the group from the contributions of other members to report here. In particular, I could say that I was the first to propose to write a joint paper with the lessons related to the difficulties regarding communicating science to policy makers in our countries, building upon our experience before and during the NEXUS project. But we quickly understood that everybody in the group had a similar idea. Moreover, it was pretty easy for us to agree also on the structure the paper should have.

1. Interaction with Other NEXUS Scholars and Distinguished Scholar Leader

Interaction with Other NEXUS Scholars:

* I have just described that we are going to write a collaborative paper with the other economists
* I am also working to replicate in Argentina with Mariana Conte Grand the seminar I am going to give to members of parliament in Uruguay. The seminar will be on basic concepts of the approach of the economics science to environmental problems, the policy instruments that are proposed based on this approach, and examples and lessons of real life applications of these instruments in other countries.
* I have been very much enriched by the uncountable talks and discussions I have had with the other scholars during the two meetings (Buenos Aires and Queretaro). This is an endowment the NEXUS program has provided me that is quite intangible but worth writing about anyway.

Interaction with Distinguished Scholar Leader:

* Walter has
	+ Contagiated me his enthusiasm with the problem of informing science to policy makers
	+ Handed me bibliography on the topic
	+ Talked to the Director of the Uruguayan “EPA” (Dirección Nacional de Medio Ambiente), one of my stakeholders, to boost our collaboration when this was flattening and I was in the US doing my exchange visit.
1. NEXUS Activities and Individual Research

Since the meeting in Argentina I have made the following progresses:

* Research:
	+ I have started and finished the design (calibration) of my experiments
	+ I have (almost) finished the computer programs to run the experiments in the lab
	+ I have constructed a web page (<http://econlab.um.edu.uy/>) to recruit students for the experiments. The web page is accessible but it is no yet finished. It will be this week. (Last week of October).
	+ I decided to move ahead in time the experiment My plan is to conduct the experiment
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