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To whom it may concern

Dear Colleagues,

I inform you that the French Statistical Society (SFdS), which federates the French statistical community and has more than a thousand members very strongly supports the project *Covid-19 museum* led by Professor Yves Rozenholc.

The aim of this project is to carry out an almost exhaustive collection of digital information of all kinds disseminated during the pandemic. Such a collection would constitute a very rare example of a photograph of a world event with very multiple dimensions : health, political, scientific, economic, social...

This project is made possible by the nature of the targeted information, which will allow its long-term storage and accessibility. It is also particularly relevant for an event that is limited in time. There are very few examples of a project of such a scale that would provide an invaluable source of information for researchers from a wide range of disciplines.

The SFdS is not intended to support and label research activities. The scale and nature of the project *Covid-19 museum* made us depart from this rule.

Wishing you good reception of this letter, please accept the expression of my deep respect.



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