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THE MUSIC DIVISION OF THE Organization of American States has, throughout its existence, maintained a close association with the eminent Dr. Francisco Curt Lange. As far back as the 1930s Dr. Lange, in his capacity as Director of the Section of Musical Research of the Institute of Advanced Studies of Uruguay, was writing comprehensive, carefully researched articles dealing with the music of the Americas, which were published under his direction in the *Boletín Latino-Americano de Música*. Later, as Director of the Inter-American Institute of Musicology of Montevideo for many years and to the present, he has continued to produce volumes of interesting and vastly informative materials, based upon his extensive research, which describe with accuracy and reliability various aspects of the music of the Western Hemisphere; and it has been our privilege to receive over the years a wealth of such materials from his inexhaustible musicological research work. It was a privilege, likewise, to receive Dr. Lange's article on Louis Moreau Gottschalk in 1970, for publication in the OAS *Boletín Interamericano de Música*.

My personal acquaintance with Dr. Lange spans more than twenty years, during which time I have been able to observe closely his masterful work as a foremost scholar. His extraordinary zeal and dedication toward his work are unparalleled, and his broad knowledge of the field and notable accomplishments have won for him well-deserved international esteem. Moreover, his magnificent work has been for many years, and continues to be, a significant contribution toward an enhanced understanding of, and appreciation for, the music of the Americas, thus serving to strengthen cultural relations among the Hemispheric countries.

The General Secretariat of the OAS therefore takes great pleasure in saluting Dr. Lange on his 75th birthday, and it is most gratifying for me, as Chief of the OAS Music Division and as Secretary General of the Inter-American Music Council, to add my personal tribute in recognition of his outstanding achievements.