



## SQM Hosted the CORESTA “Agro-Phyto Study Groups Joint Meeting 2011” in Santiago, Chile

From November 06 to 10, SQM had the honor to host for the first time in Chile the biannual event that gathers outstanding CORESTA, Cooperation Center for Scientific Research Relative to Tobacco, agro-phyto study groups. The meeting focused on tobacco production sustainability in an industry that is becoming more and more regulated. During the 4-day meeting, the groups and the participants shared high-quality scientific studies and technical presentations. Participants also had the opportunity to visit one of the most recognized Chilean wineries, Viña Concha y Toro, in Rio Maipo Valley.

The largest delegations were from Brazil and the United States, followed by researchers and entrepreneurs from Asia, Australia, Europe, and Africa.

For the closing of this meeting, our company offered a special theme dinner that introduced part of SQM history to the participants during the nitrate industry golden age.

For more than 40 years, SQM has played an important role in the global nitrate and derivatives business and it is a recognized partner in the international tobacco community. For this reason, this was the ideal occasion to share and promote knowledge related to this industry.



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