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Subject: Applications for 2008 MAB Young Scientists Awards

Sir/Madam,

Please find attached an application form for 2008 Awards (Annex 1), as well as an information note setting out the objectives and the criteria regarding selection of the Awards (Annex 2). In order to facilitate the task of the MAB Bureau regarding selection of awards, the MAB ICC advises MAB National Committees to only endorse candidates that meet the criteria. In this context, the MAB ICC would also like to encourage MAB National Committees to promote women candidates, who, until now, remain a minority in the applications received.

Despite budgetary constraints, I hope that for 2008 we will be able to allocate at least another ten MAB Young Scientists Awards. Voluntary financial assistance to the Award Scheme from Member States would help us reach this goal, or even make it possible to allocate additional Awards. Your considerations and possible assistance in this respect would be highly appreciated.

Please note that applications for 2008 Awards should reach the MAB Secretariat in Paris no later than 30 April 2007. As in previous years, all applications must of course be endorsed and signed by the respective MAB National Committee before they are submitted to the MAB Secretariat. Finally, let me mention that information about the MAB Young Scientists Award Scheme, including the objectives and selection criteria of Awards, as well as application forms, are available on the UNESCO-MABnet on address: <http://www.unesco.org/mab/bursaries/mys.shtml>

Yours sincerely,

N. Ishwaran
Director

Division of Ecological Sciences and Earth Sciences

Encl.: Annex 1: Application form for the MAB Young Scientists Awards.
Annex 2: MAB Young Scientists Awards Information Note.



ANNEX 1
APPLICATION FOR YEAR 2008
MAB YOUNG SCIENTISTS AWARDS



Please fill in and sign your application and mail it to your MAB National Committee in your home country for endorsement before it is sent to: *MAB Secretariat, Division of Ecological and Earth Sciences, UNESCO, 1, rue Miollis, 75732 Paris Cedex 15, France.* Applications must be received by UNESCO no later than 30 April 2007 to be eligible. **ONLY APPLICATIONS IN ENGLISH AND FRENCH ARE ACCEPTED.**

1. Last name: _____ 2. First name: _____

3. Date of birth: _____ 4. Sex: Male / Female

5. Nationality: _____ 6. Profession: _____

7. Complete address: _____

Tel: _____ Fax: _____

E-mail: _____

8. Educational qualifications:

Institution	Date	Degree/Diploma
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

9. Previous research experience: _____

10. Country where research is to be undertaken (in case the study is planned in countries other than the applicants home country, please attach written evidence to indicate the support of the MAB National Committee concerned):

11. Title of study: _____

12. Summary description of the proposed research study. Highlight main purposes, methods and expected results of the research to be undertaken. If necessary, you may add up to two more pages (no additional material, e.g. certificates, articles, CV, etc. should be annexed to the application):

13. Indicate if and how the proposed study will relate/contribute to your country's MAB Programme

a) Is the research site in a UNESCO designated biosphere reserve? Yes ___/No ___

If so, in which biosphere reserve? _____

14. Expected starting date and duration of the study _____

15. Expected date for submission of final report to MAB National Committee, or UNESCO National Commission

16. Name(s) of institution(s) associated with the study and support provided by the institution(s)

17. Estimated cost of the proposed study and amount requested from UNESCO-MAB. (Individual research grants will be made available up to an amount of US \$5,000. Smaller requests have greater chances of approval. Please clearly indicate the total amount requested, and a breakdown of expenditures, in US \$.)

(date) (Signature of Applicant)

NB: Your application must be signed on page 4 by your MAB National Committee before it is sent to UNESCO.

**APPLICATION ENDORSED BY PRESIDENT / SECRETARY OF MAB NATIONAL COMMITTEE
FOR SUBMISSION TO UNESCO**

(date) _____ (Signature of President/Secretary of the MAB National Committee)

MAB address: _____ (Name of President/Secretary of the MAB National Committee)

Tel: _____

Fax: _____

E-mail: _____

NOTE TO MAB NATIONAL COMMITTEES AND APPLICANTS

Criteria for endorsement and selection of MAB Young Scientists Awards

- To be eligible, award applications must be made on the attached MAB Young Scientists Award application form (in English or French) and be endorsed by the applicant's MAB National Committee, which may endorse only three applications per year:
 - Two applications from applicants who are not older than 35 years of age (at the closing date of the application) and one application from an applicant who is not older than 40 years of age (at the closing date of the application). If only two applications are endorsed by the MAB National Committee, then the two applicants should not be older than 35 years of age.
- Priority is given to interdisciplinary projects carried out in biosphere reserves on the theme of ecosystems and water.
- Applicants from developed countries are eligible for Awards only in exceptional cases.
- Awards are set at a maximum of US \$5,000 each.
- Research supported by an Award should be completed within 2 years.
- Candidates must accept to submit reports of Award funded research to the MAB Secretariat in Paris and to their MAB National Committee, and agree to the possibility of UNESCO publishing the results of their research.
- International travel expenditures are usually not covered under these Awards.

Payment Procedure for MAB Awards

Award payments are split into three instalments:

1st payment: Upon receipt and approval by UNESCO of two signed copies of the Letter of Agreement accompanied by a calendar of activities for the research study.

2nd payment: Upon receipt and approval by UNESCO of a status report regarding the research study.

3rd payment: Upon receipt and approval by UNESCO of a final report (only signed by the MAB National Committee) including a three-page summary of the report with photos for inclusion on the UNESCO-MABnet; as well as a letter authorizing UNESCO to use the information from the report in UNESCO publications and on the UNESCO-MABnet.

Application forms for MAB Young Scientists Awards are available from: MAB Secretariat, Division of Ecological and Earth Sciences, UNESCO
 1, rue Miollis, 75732 Paris Cedex 15, France. E-mail: mah.awards@unesco.org
 MAB Young Scientists Awards on the Web: <http://www.unesco.org/mab>



ANNEX 2

UNESCO - MAN AND THE BIOSPHERE (MAB) PROGRAMME



MAB YOUNG SCIENTISTS AWARD

OBJECTIVES

The objectives of the MAB Young Scientists Award Scheme are:

- To encourage young scientists, in particular those from developing countries, to use MAB research, project sites and biosphere reserves in their research.
- To encourage young scientists who already use such sites to undertake comparative studies in other sites in or outside their own country.
- To assist exchange of information and experience among a new generation of scientists.

CRITERIA

The following criteria are used in the selection of MAB Young Scientists Awards:

- Award applications must be made on the MAB Young Scientists Award application form (in English or French) and be endorsed by the applicant's MAB National Committee, which may endorse only three applications per year.
- Applicants may not be older than 40 years of age.
- Priority is given to research carried out in biosphere reserves on the theme of ecosystems and water.
- Applicants from developed countries are eligible for Award only in exceptional cases.
- Awards are set at a maximum of US \$5,000 each.
- International travel expenditures are usually not covered under this Award.
- Research supported by an Award should be completed within 2 years.
- Candidates must submit their reports of Award funded research to the MAB National Committee for approval before the submission to the MAB Secretariat in Paris, and agree to the possibility of UNESCO publishing the results of their research.

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