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ITEM 12 OF THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA: Michel Batisse Award for Biosphere Reserve Management

1. Following the decision of the MAB-ICC Bureau (25-29 June 2005) on the setting up of an award scheme in memory of Mr Michel Batisse, the Secretariat sent a MAB Circular Letter (N° 3, 17 October 2014, attached) and received 4 eligible case studies by 30 November 2014.
2. In total, the Secretariat received 6 files from 6 countries. Only 4 files were meeting the criteria for consideration (criteria attached).
3. At its twenty first session held at UNESCO Headquarters from 2-5 February 2015, the members of the International Advisory Committee for Biosphere Reserves recommended Mr Bandi Namkhai (Mongolia) for the 2015 Michel Batisse Award for his case study on the Hustain Nuruu Biosphere Reserve, which received the highest score with 83 points.
4. The Members of the Bureau of the MAB Council have endorsed the recommendation of the Advisory Committee.
5. Mr Bandi Namkhai (Mongolia), Director of Hustain Nuruu Biosphere Reserve, is therefore deemed the winner of the 2015 Michel Batisse Award for his case study on “Hustain Nuruu Biosphere Reserve of Mongolia”. The Secretariat is making arrangements for the winner to be present at the time of 27th session of the MAB Council and to present his case study and receive his award from the Chair of the MAB Council.



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Subject: **Call for 2015 Michel Batisse Award for Biosphere Reserve
Management**

Dear Sir/Madam,

We are pleased to invite you to submit one case study from your Country for the above mentioned Award **before 30 November 2014**, following the format indicated in Annex 1 of the present circular letter.

Please send your case study by email to (mab@unesco.org) using the enclosed form.

I take this opportunity to thank you for your support to the MAB Programme and the World Network of Biosphere Reserves.

Yours sincerely,

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Encl: Application Form 2015



Criteria for selecting the Michel Batisse Award winner

- award for achievement (completed work and demonstrated results) and not for an application for proposed future actions to be taken;
- subject/issue specific to biosphere reserves and not to 'simple traditional' protected areas;
- project focusing on biosphere reserve management issues (as in the name of the award) and not 'purely' on scientific research;
- complex project/actions integrating the three biosphere reserve functions;
- innovative approach contributing to the further development of the biosphere reserve concept;
- tangible/measurable outcomes promoting the biosphere reserve concept;
- demonstration projects/'best practice' examples;
- potential for application of the solutions and recommendations in other biosphere reserves;
- the Advisory Committee members are not eligible for applying for the award.