

## International Prize for Research in the Life Sciences

The UNESCO-Obiang Nguema Mbasogo International Prize for Research in the Life Sciences has been established through UNESCO and is funded by the Obiang Nguema Mbasogo Foundation. The Prize is managed by UNESCO in accordance with the statutes approved for the prize at the 180th Executive Board meeting, September 2008, and according to the Financial Regulations of the Organization.

### A. Purpose of the prize

The Prize is to reward projects and activities of an individual, individuals, institutions, other entities or non-governmental organizations for scientific research in the life sciences leading to improving the quality of human life. To be eligible for nomination, candidates for the prize shall have made a significant research contribution to the life sciences.

### B. Nomination of candidates

1. Nominations for the prize must be submitted to the Director General :
  - (a) by the governments of UNESCO member states in consultation with their respective National Commissions;
  - or
  - (b) by non-governmental organizations maintaining official relations with UNESCO and active in relevant fields covered by the prize. (See list attached of such NGOs)

UNESCO cannot entertain applications from individuals.

2. Applications must be submitted in English or in French in 6 copies and should include:
  - (a) the summary nomination form duly completed (see attached form);
  - (b) a 1-2 page summary of the work or the results of work;
  - (c) a short description of the candidate's contribution to the Prize's objectives (1-2 pages);
  - (d) a curriculum vitae (not more than 5 pages) and list of publications for an individual **or** institution's statutes, brief history and list of achievement and publications in the case of an institution;
  - (e) major publications (not more than 5) and other supporting documents of importance (not more than 5);

3. The nominations comprising complete documentation as required applications must reach The Division of Basic and Engineering Sciences (UNESCO, Natural Sciences Sector, Division of Basic and Engineering Sciences, 1 rue Miollis 75732 Paris cedex 15) before 30 December 2009. An electronic copy of the present guidelines and the application form is available on the following site:

<http://www.unesco.org/lifesciencesprize>. An advance copy may be sent by fax on the following number: (+33-1) 45.68.58.21 or by e-mail on the following addresses: [lifesciencesprize@unesco.org](mailto:lifesciencesprize@unesco.org)

### **C. Award of the Prize**

The Prize is funded by the Obiang Nguema Mbasogo Foundation for the preservation of life and shall consist of:

- (i) a medal
- (ii) a diploma
- (iii) a sum of US \$300,000

The prize amount may be equally divided among a maximum of three laureates, each of which is considered to merit a prize. If a work being awarded has been produced by two or three persons, the prize amount shall be awarded to them jointly. In no case may a prize amount be divided between more than three persons.

The Prize will be awarded annually starting in 2009 for an initial period of 5 years. The Jury for the Prize will submit its recommendations to the Director General of UNESCO who will officially announce the name(s) of the prize winner(s).

The Prize shall be awarded by the Director-General at an official ceremony held for that purpose in UNESCO Paris in 2010. No appeals shall be allowed against the decision of UNESCO with regard to the award of the prize. Proposals received for the award of a prize may not be divulged.

The prizewinner/s, if possible, shall give a lecture on a subject relevant to the work for which the prize has been awarded. Such a lecture shall be organized during or in connection with the Prize ceremony. The work produced by a person since deceased shall not be considered for a prize. If, however, a prizewinner dies before he/she has received the prize, then the prize may be presented posthumously (awarded to relatives or institution).