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Permanent Delegations to UNESCO  
UNESCO Field Offices

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10 March 2010

Subject: **Application form for the MAB Young Scientists Awards supported by the Austrian MAB National Committee**

Sir/Madam,

In response to the need expressed by the MAB International Coordinating Council (MAB-ICC) regarding mobilization of extra-budgetary funding in the context of the MAB Young Scientists Award Scheme, particularly for raising the number of awards, the Executive Secretary of the Austrian MAB National Committee announced in June 2009 that the Austrian MAB National Committee would finance two (2) additional MAB Young Scientists Awards in 2010. In recognition of the International Year of Biodiversity in 2010 these awards will be granted for research in UNESCO-designated biosphere reserves in less developed countries focusing on "The best scientific work in the field of biodiversity" and "Scientific support for translating the Seville Strategy into practice".

Further to this generous offer, please find attached an application form for 2010 Young Scientists Awards supported by the Austrian MAB National Committee (Annex 1), as well as an information note setting out the objectives and the criteria regarding the selection of these Awards (Annex 2).

In order to facilitate the task of the Bureau of the Man and the Biosphere (MAB) Programme regarding the selection of the awards, the Austrian MAB National Committee, in accordance with the instructions of the MAB International Coordinating Council (ICC), kindly requests MAB National Committees to only endorse candidates that meet the criteria. It further recommends that the selection process at the national level ensure a gender balance in candidates submitted to the MAB Bureau.

Please note that the applications should reach the MAB Secretariat in Paris no later than 30 April 2010. All applications must be endorsed and signed by the respective MAB National Committees before they are submitted to the MAB Secretariat. In countries where MAB National Committees do not exist or are not fully operational, the selection at the national level will continue to be ensured by the National Commission for UNESCO of the country in question.

Yours sincerely,

N. Ishwaran  
Director, Division of Ecological Sciences and Earth Sciences  
Secretary, Man and the Biosphere Programme



**UNESCO - MAN AND THE BIOSPHERE (MAB) PROGRAMME  
MAB YOUNG SCIENTISTS AWARDS SUPPORTED BY THE  
AUSTRIAN MAB NATIONAL COMMITTEE**



**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 the two MAB Young Scientists Awards supported by the Austrian MAB National Committee:**

- To be eligible, 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 two applications per year from applicants who are not older than 40 years of age (at the closing date of the application).
- To be eligible, the proposed studies have to be undertaken in designated UNESCO biosphere reserves with focus on "Scientific work in the field of biodiversity" and/or "Scientific support for translating the Seville Strategy into practice".
- 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 Committees\*, and agree to the possibility of UNESCO publishing the results of their research.
- International travel expenditures are usually not covered under these Awards.

\* For the countries in which a MAB National Committee does not exist or is not fully operational, the National Commission for UNESCO will ensure the selection of candidates according to the above criteria.

Application forms for MAB Young Scientists Award are available from:  
MAB Secretariat, Division of Ecological and Earth Sciences, UNESCO  
1 rue Miollis, 75732 Paris Cedex 15, France  
mab.awards@unesco.org  
Information on the web: <http://www.unesco.org/mab/bursaries/mys.shtml>



**APPLICATION FORM FOR THE 2010  
MAB YOUNG SCIENTISTS AWARDS SUPPORTED BY  
THE AUSTRIAN MAB NATIONAL COMMITTEE**



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 September 2009 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
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9. Previous research experience: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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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):

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11. Title of study: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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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

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a) In which UNESCO-designated biosphere reserve(s) will the research be undertaken?

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14. Expected starting date and duration of the study

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

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

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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 \$.)

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(date)

(Signature of Applicant)

**NB: Your application must be signed on page 4 by your MAB National Committee/UNESCO National Commission 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)

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(Name of President / Secretary of the MAB National Committee)

MAB National Committee address:

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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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 MAB Young Scientists Award application form (in English or French) and be endorsed by the applicant's MAB National Committee\*, which may endorse only two applications per year from applicants who are not older than 40 years of age (at the closing date of the application).
- Priority is given to interdisciplinary projects carried out in biosphere reserves designated under the Man and the Biosphere Programme or potential biosphere reserves.
- 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 Committees\*, and agree to the possibility of UNESCO publishing the results of their research.
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**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 as well as a letter authorizing UNESCO to use the information from the status and the upcoming final reports in UNESCO publications and on the UNESCO-MABet.
- 3rd payment: Upon receipt and approval by UNESCO of a final report (duly signed by the MAB National Committee) with photos for inclusion on the UNESCO-MABnet.

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UNESCO

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