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ITEM 9 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, 14 September 2015) and received 5 eligible case studies by 30 December 2015.
2. In total, the Secretariat received 7 nominations from 6 countries. Only 5 nomination files are meeting the criteria for consideration (criteria attached). At its twenty second session held at UNESCO Headquarters from 25-28 January 2016, the members of the International Advisory Committee for Biosphere Reserves recommended Mr Qu Shuguang (China) for the 2016 Michel Batisse Award for his case study on the Wudalianchi Biosphere Reserve, which received the highest score with 107 points.
4. The Members of the Bureau of the MAB Council have endorsed the recommendation of the Advisory Committee.
5. Mr Qu Shuguang (China), Director of the Wudalianchi Biosphere Reserve, is therefore deemed the winner of the 2016 Michel Batisse Award for his case study on “Wudalianchi eco-migration project: protecting the environment and improving people’s livelihoods”. The Secretariat is making arrangements for the winner to be present at the time of 28th session of the MAB Council and to present his case study and receive his award from the Chair of the MAB Council.

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.

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CONSIDERED

N ^o	Home country (research country)	Applicant (Name, position and address)	Title of case study
1	Mongolia	Ganzorigt Gonchig Specialist of Bogdkhan Uul Biosphere Reserve of Mongolia zorig17@yahoo.com	Bogdkhan Uul Biosphere Reserve of Mongolia
2	Islamic Republic of Iran	Bahar Mohammadifar, Project Manager for proposing the inscription of the Tange Sayyad-Sabzkooh BR physic_1982@yahoo.com	The necessity of developing a comprehensive cultural program for the management of biosphere reserves: case study of Tange Sayyad and Sabzkooh biosphere reserves
3	Thailand	Taksin Artchawakom Management of the core protected area and local outreach, research projects facilitator within the Biosphere Reserve sakaerat@tistr.or.th	The implementation of an innovative environmental education camp tailored to high school students (Sakaerat Biosphere Reserve)
4	China	Qu Shuguang, Director of Wudalianchi Biosphere Reserve (WBR) wdlcgsq@163.com	Wudalianchi eco-migration project: protecting the environment and improving people's livelihoods. (Wudalianchi Biosphere Reserve)
5	Russian Federation	Dmitry Gorshkov Director of Sikhote-Alin biosphere reserve sikhote-boss@mail.ru	Amur Tiger- flagship species for the development of local communities (Sikhote-Alin Biosphere Reserve)

NOT CONSIDERED

N ^o	Home country (research country)	Applicant (Name, position and address)	Title of case study
6	Bangladesh	Sara Nowreen Advocacy, research and training within the reserve sara.sohel@gmail.com	<i>No biosphere reserve</i> Development of an operational IWRM (Integrated Water Resources Management) Framework in a selected small scale water resources development sector project: in Bangladesh
7	Islamic Republic of Iran	Sina Me'mari Responsible for marine pollution in aquatic milieu in North and center of Iran melorinmedia@yahoo.com	<i>Not a biosphere reserve and already submission of another case study</i> Promotion the level of protection Miankaleh Wildlife Refuge (Refuge, Bay, Peninsula Miankaleh with 68800 hectares) in the southeastern Caspian Sea to the National Park marine- coastal southeast Caspian

7 files received from 6 countries; 5 files considered

