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Man and the Biosphere (MAB) Programme**

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Permanent Delegations to UNESCO
UNESCO Field Offices

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Subject: **Applications for 2011 MAB Young Scientists Awards**

Sir/Madam,

Please find attached an application form for the 2011 Young Scientists Awards (Annex 1), as well as an information note setting out the objectives and the criteria regarding the selection of the 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 MAB International Coordinating Council (ICC) requests MAB National Committees to only endorse candidates that meet the criteria. The MAB-ICC also recommends that the selection process at the national level ensure a gender balance in candidates submitted to the MAB Bureau.

In response to the need expressed by the 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 Austrian MAB National Committee will finance two (2) additional MAB Young Scientists Awards in 2011.

Please note that the applications for the 2011 Awards should reach the MAB Secretariat in Paris **no later than 15 December 2010**. 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. In countries where MAB National Committees do not exist or are not fully operational, the selection on the national level will continue to be ensured by the National Commission for UNESCO of the country in question.

Finally, let me mention that information about the MAB Young Scientists Award Scheme, including the objectives and selection criteria of the Awards, as well as the application forms, are available on the UNESCO-MABNet at the following address:
http://portal.unesco.org/science/en/ev.php-URL_ID=6738&URL_DO=DO_TOPIC&URL_SECTION=201.html

Yours sincerely,

N. Ishwaran
Director

Division of Ecological Sciences and Earth Sciences



**APPLICATION FOR THE YEAR 2011
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 15 December 2010 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/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)

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

MAB National Committee address:

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. For the two additional awards supported by the Austrian MAB Committee, priority will be given to studies carried out in biosphere reserves and focusing on sustainable forest management, in the context of the 2011 International Year of Forests.
- 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.

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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 final report (duly signed by the MAB National Committee) as well as a letter authorizing UNESCO to use the information from the report in UNESCO publications and on the UNESCO-MABnet.

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UNESCO

1, rue Miollis, 75732 Paris Cedex 15, France. E-mail: mab.awards@unesco.org
MAB Young Scientists Awards on the Web: <http://www.unesco.org/mab/bursaries/mys.shtml>



**UNESCO - MAN AND THE BIOSPHERE
(MAB) PROGRAMME**

MAB YOUNG SCIENTISTS AWARDS

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

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