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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 in 2004 on the setting up of an award scheme in memory of Mr Michel Batisse, the Secretariat sent a MAB Circular Letter (CL/MAB/2018/2, 30 November 2018, attached) and had received eight files from eight countries, all of which met the criteria for consideration.
2. At its 29<sup>th</sup> session held on 12-15 June 2017 the International Coordinating Council of the Man and the Biosphere Programme (MAB ICC) had adopted the following new conditions for the selection of the Michel Batisse Award: (i) case studies must be submitted for every two MAB ICC Council sessions due to be convened, and (ii) **the amount of the award for the winning case study presented to the MAB ICC session concerned is now US\$12,000 plus international travel and allowances.**
3. The Advisory Committee members were asked to rank the candidates using the evaluation table. Based on the rankings, the Advisory Committee recommended to the Bureau of the MAB Council that Mr. José Santiso (Spain) be the winner for the 2019 Michel Batisse Award for his case study on the 'Food plan of the "Mariñas Coruñesas e Terras do Mandeo" Biosphere Reserve as a tool for the creation of local employment, the promotion of biodiversity and the mitigation of climate change'.
4. This recommendation was submitted to the MAB ICC Bureau members for their endorsement to enable the candidate to present his case study at this 31<sup>st</sup> session of the MAB ICC. The Secretariat arranged for the winner to be present and to present his case study and receive his award from the Chair of the MAB Council.



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**Subject: Call for 2019 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 20 January 2019**, following the format indicated in the attached form of the present circular letter.

At its 29<sup>th</sup> session, held in UNESCO headquarters from 12 to 15 June 2017, the MAB Council decided that:

The Michel Batisse Award shall be awarded every two MAB Council sessions instead of at each Council session in order to increase the quality and number of applicants.

The amount of the Award would thus be increased to a total amount of USD 12,000 (twelve thousand US dollars).

This new procedure should be effective and implemented as from this 29<sup>th</sup> session of the MAB Council.

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 2019