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Item 10.6 of the Provisional Agenda:
World Network of Biosphere Reserves (WNBR):
f. 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, October 2009, attached) and received nine (9) eligible case studies by 15 January 2010.
2. In total, the Secretariat received 21 files from 16 countries. Only nine (9) files filled the criteria for consideration (criteria attached). The Members of the International Advisory Committee for Biosphere Reserves recommended M. Alberto Kalesnik's (Argentina) case study on the Delta del Paraná Biosphere Reserve which received the highest score with 88 points. This recommendation was endorsed by the MAB-ICC Bureau in April 2010.
3. The MAB International Coordinating Council is invited to suggest means to increase the participation of biosphere reserves in applying for the Award and for the case studies to be models for sustainable development practices and for them to be better shared within the World Network of Biosphere Reserves, especially as learning sites for the United Nations Decade of Education for Sustainable Development.

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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Subject: **Call for 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 15 January 2010**, following the format indicated Annex 1 of this present circular letter.

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,

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

**Michel Batisse Award for Biosphere Reserve Management
Application form**

Please fill in and sign your application and mail it to your MAB National Committee/National Commission for UNESCO in your home country for endorsement. The MAB National Committee/National Commission will make a selection and send the country candidate 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 January 2010 to be eligible. Only applications in English and French are accepted.** Applications that are not endorsed by a MAB National Committee or a National Commission for UNESCO are not eligible for consideration.

1. Last name: _____ 2. First name: _____

3. Date of birth: _____

4. Sex: Male ___ /Female ___

5. Nationality: _____

6. Profession: _____

7. Full mailing address:

Tel: _____ Fax: _____

E-mail address:

8. Title of case study:

9. Definition of a management issue/problem:

10. Solution(s) and/or mitigation measure(s) identified:

11. Methods, processes and approaches for implementing solution(s) and/or mitigation measure(s):

12. Results and outcome:

13. Comparison of results and outcome to those expected at the stage of the definition of solution(s) and/or mitigation measure(s):

14. Lessons learned:

15. Bibliography:

16. Annexes and supporting documents:

APPLICATION ENDORSED BY THE PRESIDENT/SECRETARY OF THE MAB
NATIONAL COMMITTEE/NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR UNESCO

FOR SUBMISSION TO UNESCO

(Date) (Signature of the President/Secretary of the MAB National Committee/National Commission for UNESCO)

(Name of the President/Secretary of the MAB National Committee/National Commission for UNESCO) and address:

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