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**Item 12-3 of the Provisional Agenda: Capacity Building**  
**c. MAB Young Scientists Award Scheme**

1. The Bureau of the MAB-ICC is invited to review the applications received by the MAB Secretariat through the respective MAB National Committees and National Commissions for UNESCO, and select the ten (10) winners of the 2010 MAB Young Scientists Awards and the two (2) winners of the Special MAB Young Scientists Awards supported by the Austrian MAB Committee (see Bureau document SC-10/CONF.201/17B).
2. The ICC is invited to consider endorsing the award winners as recommended by the Bureau of the ICC that has reviewed all applications and applied the ranking system to select the final laureates for the Awards.

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**MEETING OF THE BUREAU OF THE INTERNATIONAL CO-ORDINATING COUNCIL**  
(Room XBis)

**Selection of the 2010 MAB Young Scientists Awards and the two Special MAB Young Scientists Awards supported by the Austrian MAB Committee**

1. The Bureau of the MAB-ICC is invited to review the applications and select the ten winners of the 2010 MAB Young Scientists Awards and the two winners of the special MAB Young Scientists Awards supported by the Austrian MAB Committee based on the applications received by the MAB Secretariat through the respective MAB National Committees and National Commissions for UNESCO.
2. In selecting the winners of the 2010 MAB Young Scientists Awards, the Bureau is invited to take into consideration the objectives and the selection criteria established for the 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 two (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.
3. In addition, in reviewing the Award applications, the MAB Bureau shall seek to ensure a fair geographical distribution of the Awards (at least one (1) Award for each of the five (5) UNESCO regions) and that the general UNESCO priorities of providing support to women and to Africa are being satisfactorily met.
4. To facilitate the Award selection, all Bureau Members are requested to review all applications and to fill in the attached form with their individual top 10 applications for the MAB Young Scientists Awards. At least one (1) applicant from each of the five UNESCO regions should be included on the list (e.g. Africa, Arab States, Asia and the Pacific, Europe and North America, Latin America and the Caribbean).

5. Based on each Bureau Member's respective selection of his/her top ten (10) applicants for the MAB Awards, the MAB Secretariat will compile the results in a summary table, which will then form the basis for the MAB Bureau's discussion and selection of the Award winners.

6. Regarding the selection of the winners of the two special 2010 MAB Young Scientists Awards supported by the Austrian MAB Committee, the Bureau should consider the objectives and the selection criteria established for these special 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).
- 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.

7. Based on each Bureau Member's respective selection of his/her top two (2) applicants for the Special MAB Awards supported by the Austrian MAB Committee, the MAB Secretariat will compile the results in a summary table, which will then form the basis for the MAB Bureau's discussion and selection of the two Award winners.

8. The following documents will be distributed to the Bureau members

- ❖ Copies of the MAB circular letters (n° 2009/1 and n°2010/1) inviting applications for the year 2010 Awards and the two special awards
- ❖ Tables summarizing the geographical distribution of all previous Awards (1999-2009)
- ❖ A one-page Bureau Member form for their respective top 10 MAB Young Scientists Award applications
- ❖ A list together with copies of all the applications for the 2010 MAB Young Scientists Awards
- ❖ A one page Bureau Member form for their respective top two (2) Award applications for the special Awards
- ❖ A list together with copies of all the applications for the special 2010 Awards supported by the Austrian MAB Committee

9. The members of the Bureau are requested to provide the Secretariat with the lists of ten and two priority candidates for the 2010 MAB Young Scientists Awards and the Special Awards supported by the Austrian MAB Committee, respectively. The Secretariat will calculate the respective rankings and make available the results to the members of the Bureau to select the winners of the two Award schemes.