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IUCN ACADEMY OF ENVIRONMENTAL LAW

SECOND ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP PRIZES Call for Nominations

The IUCN Academy recognizes that its member institutions are actively involved in advancing knowledge of environmental law through research on a wide range of topics from an array of perspectives. The Academy's member law schools and their scholars frequently produce outstanding publications, organize conferences and undertake other scholarly activities of international significance. These scholarly activities directly promote the aims of the Academy.

The Academy introduced the annual scholarship prize competition to recognize outstanding publications and other scholarly achievements by individuals in its member institutions. A Scholarship Prizes Subcommittee of the Academy's Research Committee has been established to oversee the competition.

This announcement details the criteria and procedure for nominating individuals for the scholarship prizes. The deadline for making nominations for the inaugural competition is **30 April 2010**.

In November 2009, the prize winners of the first annual scholarship prizes were announced at the Academy's Colloquium, in Wuhan, China. Prof Klaus Bosselmann of New Zealand and Dr Christina Voigt of Norway were the first year's recipients of these prizes. The prize winners of our second competition will be announced at the Academy's Conference, 13-17 September 2010 in Ghent, Belgium.

Prize categories

Two prizes are given, based on scholarly achievements in the field of environmental law:

- One prize for an academic with less than 10 years academic experience since the completion of their first law degree (ie, LLB or JD).
- The second prize for an academic with more than 10 years academic experience since the completion of their first law degree.

Academic experience includes graduate-level research, post-doctoral positions and traditional academic appointments as lecturers, professors and similar positions.

Eligibility and Criteria

The prizes will be awarded on the basis of 'scholarship', defined primarily to include published research such as academic books (edited or authored), journal articles and book chapters, as well as commissioned policy reports and studies of research value. The scholarship could be published in any language.

The prizes would also recognize other additional scholarly-related activities, such as:

- Editing an environmental law journal
- Organizing academic conferences and workshops
- Obtaining substantial research grants
- Building collaborative research networks, and
- Other innovations that advance research in environmental law.

The following additional requirements apply:

- Only scholars within the IUCN Academy's member law schools are eligible to nominate or be nominated for the prizes.
- At least one nomination must be provided, though a nominee may receive more than one nomination.
- The nominator may be a member of the nominee's law school, but preferably would be from a different law school amongst the IUCN Academy's member institutions.
- The nominator must also propose possible reviewers who know the nominee's scholarship and who would be able to comment upon it. Such a reviewer should not be from the same law school as the candidate.
- The nominator must complete the attached nomination form. Further, on request, the nominator or the nominee may be requested to provide the Academy's Scholarship Prizes Subcommittee with supporting documents, such as copies of representative publications and other supporting documents (e.g., book reviews and conference programmes).
- Each prize is based on the scholarly achievements of nominated individuals in the immediately preceding **five years** determined from the closing date in the call for nominations (i.e., between April 2005 and April 2010 for the forthcoming round).
- The candidate's research output is normally expected to be a sustained performance over this period, rather than a one-off achievement.
- The scholarly activities in question must relate to 'environmental law', in its broadest understandings.
- In future scholarship prize competitions, an individual may be re-nominated if he or she was unsuccessful in the previous years. However, former prize winners within the previous five years would be ineligible for re-nomination.

Evaluation criteria

The criteria for evaluation of the nomination are as follows:

1. Originality and intellectual influence of the scholarship.
2. International significance of the scholarship, as against merely having relevance in one jurisdiction or region.
3. Enhancement of research collaboration among scholars and other persons from different institutions and regions.
4. Advancement of the aims of the IUCN Academy: see <http://www.iucnael.org/content/view/12/26/lang.english>

The awards are made on merit and the Scholarship Prizes Subcommittee may in a given year decide not to award any prizes.

Nature of the Prizes

The prizes will take the form of a commemorative certificate endorsed by the IUCN Academy. No monetary payment is provided.

Composition of the Scholarship Prize Subcommittee

The Prizes Subcommittee will include five members: two from the Research Committee, one from the Academy's Governing Board and two independent expert reviewers, to be determined annually. Each member of the committee must be at arms-length from the nomination process.

Further Information

If you have any questions about the scholarship prizes competition, please contact Carolyn Farquhar, at <carolyn.farquhar@uottawa.ca> or Willemien du Plessis at <Willemien.DuPlessis@nwu.ac.za> .

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ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP PRIZE

NOMINATIONS MUST REACH THE IUCN ACADEMY SECRETARIAT BY 30 APRIL 2010

Each nominator must complete this form including the letter of support, and submit to:

Ms Carolyn Farquhar
Manager
IUCN Academy Secretariat
<Carolyn.Farquhar@uottawa.ca>

Please note that we would prefer if you could complete the forms below by inserting the information in the spaces provided. Alternatively, we can certainly accept equivalent documents that provide the requisite information.

PART I

Particulars of Nominee	
If you have a copy of the nominee's curriculum vitae (CV), please include it in your nomination submission	
Name	
Institution	
Country	

Contact Details of Nominee	
See CV Attached	Yes / No
Website for nominee's CV, if available	
OR	
Postal address	
Email	
Telephone or mobile number	

PART II

Nominator	
Name	
Position	
Institution	
Country	
Postal address	
Email	
Telephone and mobile number	
Fax number	
Relationship to the nominee	

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PART IV

Expert reviewers

Please identify at least one individual with relevant expertise who could serve as an independent reviewer of the nominee's scholarship outside your own institution

	Reviewer No. 1	Reviewer No. 2
Name		
Position		
Institution		
Email		
Telephone and/or mobile number		
Relationship to the nominee		
Reason for nomination of reviewer		