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## The Assistant Director-General for Natural Sciences

To: National Commissions for  
UNESCO

cc: Permanent Delegations to  
UNESCO

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Subject: UNESCO Kalinga Prize for the Popularization of Science 2011

Sir/Madam,

On behalf of the Director-General, I have the honour to invite you to present, in consultation with the appropriate associations in your country, a candidate for the **UNESCO Kalinga Prize for the Popularization of Science 2011**.

Jointly funded by the Kalinga Foundation Trust, the Orissa Government of India and the Indian Government, the Prize is an international distinction to reward the efforts of a person who has had a distinguished career as writer, editor, lecturer, radio/television programme director or film producer, which has enabled him/her to help to interpret science, research and technology to the public. He/she is expected to have knowledge of the role of science, technology and general research in the improvement of public welfare, the enrichment of the cultural heritage of nations and the solutions to the problems of humanity.

One candidate only may be nominated by each country, through your National Commission for UNESCO, on the recommendation of the national associations for the advancement of science, academies of science or any other science associations, or national associations of science writers, scientific journalists or other popularizers of science, where such associations exist. Nominations or application from individuals will not be accepted.

Nominations for the prize should reach UNESCO (Division for Science Policy and Sustainable Development, Natural Sciences Sector, UNESCO, 1 rue Miollis, 75732 Paris Cedex 15, France) **by 15 June 2011** and should include five sets, in English or in French, of the following items: a biographical statement on the candidate, a list of his/her published works and a summary of his/her career as a popularizer of science. Supporting documentation such as principal publications, books, articles, monographs, tapes or video-cassettes should be supplied, in five copies, for distribution among the Jury members.

Please find attached herewith, for your information, the General Rules for the UNESCO Kalinga Prize for the Popularization of Science.

Please accept, Sir/Madam, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Gretchen Kalonji

## **GENERAL RULES OF THE UNESCO KALINGA PRIZE FOR THE POPULARIZATION OF SCIENCE**

### **Purpose**

The purpose of the Prize is to reward the efforts of a person who has had a distinguished career as a writer, editor, lecturer, radio/television programme director or film producer, which has enabled him/her to help interpret science, research and technology to the public. He/she is expected to be knowledgeable of the role of science, technology and general research in the improvement of the public welfare, the enrichment of the cultural heritage of nations and the solutions to the problems of humanity. The objective of the Prize is in conformity with UNESCO's policies and is related to the Programme on the popularization of science.

### **Donors and Prize**

The Prize is funded by the Kalinga Foundation Trust, the Government of the State of Orissa, India and the Government of India (Department of Science and Technology). It will be awarded by the Director-General of UNESCO at an official ceremony (venue to be confirmed) in November 2011. The award consists of: a cheque for the amount of the prize US\$20,000, a certificate and the UNESCO-Albert Einstein silver medal.

The laureate will also be offered the Kalinga Chair established by the Government of India (Department of Science and Technology) which comprises a certificate and cash award of US\$5,000. He/she will be invited to travel to India (travel and lodgings will be funded by the Government of India), for a two to four week period to interact with scientists and science communicators. He/she will be provided with appropriate facilities to familiarize him/herself with Indian life and culture, Indian research and educational institutions, and the development of India's industry and economy. He/she will also be invited to visit Indian universities and attend meetings within India's scientific societies, particularly those of the Indian Science Congress Association. While in India, the recipient will be asked to deliver lectures in English and to take part in meetings in order to present recent progress in science and technology as well as the social, cultural and educational impacts of modern science. Thus, he/she should preferably be proficient in English.

### **Qualifications and Nomination of Candidates**

Candidates shall have made a significant contribution to the popularization of science. The Prize may be conferred only upon individuals. A work that has been produced by two or three persons shall not be considered.

Nominations shall be submitted to the Director-General through the governments of Member States, in consultation with their National Commissions, and through non-governmental organizations maintaining formal relations with UNESCO. A self-nomination cannot be considered. Each Member State and non-governmental organization may designate one candidate.

Each nomination shall be accompanied by a written recommendation, which shall include **five copies** of the following documents, in English or French:

- a) Description of the candidate's background;
- b) Completed submission form;
- c) Summary of the work or the results of the work on the popularization of science, including publications and other supporting materials, to be submitted for consideration; and
- d) Description of how the candidate's submitted work has contributed to the popularization of science.

The winner is selected by the Director-General of UNESCO upon the recommendation of a five-member Jury. The Jury is designated by the Director-General on the basis of equitable geographical distribution.

### **Deadline for application**

Nominations for the prize and support documents/materials should reach UNESCO by **15 June 2011**.

For further information, please consult: <http://www.unesco.org/new/en/natural-sciences/science-technology/science-policy/>

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## UNESCO KALINGA PRIZE FOR THE POPULARIZATION OF SCIENCE

### SUBMISSION FORM

1. Name of the Member State submitting the candidature:
2. Name of the body proposing the candidature (if appropriate):
3. Name, address, telephone and fax number, email of candidate:
4. Nationality of candidate:
5. List of enclosed annexes (books, CD-ROMs, cassettes, videocassettes, news paper articles, etc)
6. List of translations/summaries of annexes in English and/or French (if original in another language)
7. Description of the candidate's career in science popularisation (use as many sheets as necessary)