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## The Director-General

To Permanent Delegates and Observers to  
UNESCO

and

National Commissions for UNESCO

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Sir/Madam,

It is my honour to invite your Government to submit, in consultation with your National Commission, as well as with non-governmental organizations maintaining official partnerships with UNESCO in your country, a candidate for the **UNESCO Kalinga Prize for the Popularization of Science 2017**. The General Rules for the Prize are attached herewith for your kind information.

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 a writer, editor, lecturer, radio/television/web programme director or film producer, which has enabled him/her to help to interpret science, research and technology for the public. He/she is expected to have knowledge of the role of science, technology and general research for the improvement of public welfare, the enrichment of the cultural heritage of nations and the solutions of the problems of humanity.

Only one candidate may be nominated by each country, through its National Commission for UNESCO and upon the recommendation of the national associations for the advancement of science, academies of science or any other science associations, national associations of science writers, scientific journalists or other popularizers of science, where such associations exist. Nominations or applications from individuals will not be accepted.

Nominations should reach the Secretariat of the Prize at the following address and by **27 May 2017**:

Division for Science Policy and Capacity-Building  
Natural Sciences Sector  
UNESCO  
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The nomination files should include either five hard copies or five electronic sets (USB Key; CD/DVD), in English or French, of the following items: a biographical statement on the nominated 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 and videos should be supplied in five copies also (hard or soft copy), for distribution among the Jury members.

Accept Sir/Madam, the assurances of my highest consideration.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Irina Bokova". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial 'I'.

Irina Bokova

## EXCERPT OF THE STATUTES OF THE UNESCO KALINGA PRIZE FOR THE POPULARISATION OF SCIENCE 2017

### **Purpose**

The purpose of the UNESCO Kalinga Prize for the Popularisation of Science is to reward the efforts of a person who has had a distinguished career as writer, editor, lecturer, radio/television/web 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 for the improvement of public welfare, the enrichment of the cultural heritage of nations and the solutions of the problems of humanity. The objective of the Prize is in conformity with UNESCO's policies and is related to the Programme of the Organisation in the field of raising awareness and popularising science.

### **Donors and Prize**

The Prize is funded by the Kalinga Foundation Trust, the Orissa Government of India and the Indian Government (Department of Science and Technology). It shall be awarded by the Director-General of UNESCO at an official ceremony held for that purpose in Amman, Jordan, during the World Science Forum in November 2017. The one-time 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 one-time 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 also be invited to visit Indian universities and attend meetings with 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 education 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, and have a distinguished career which has enabled him/her to help interpret science, research and technology to the public either nationally, regionally or internationally.

Nominations shall be submitted to the Director-General by the governments of Member States, in consultation with their National Commissions, and by non-governmental organisations maintaining official partnerships with UNESCO. **A self-nomination cannot be considered.** Each Member State and non-governmental organization may designate one candidate. The Prize may be conferred only upon individuals, and a work that has been produced by two or three persons shall not be considered.

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

- a) A description of the candidate's background and achievements;
- b) A completed submission form;

- c) A summary of the work or the results of the work on the popularization of science, including publications and other supporting documents of major importance, to be submitted for consideration; and
- d) A description of how the candidate's submitted work has contributed to the popularization of science.

## **Jury**

The prize-winner shall be selected by the Director-General of UNESCO on the basis of the assessments and recommendations made to her by the five-member Jury. The Jury, consisting of personalities with a recognised reputation in the field, 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 27 may 2017**.

For further information, please consult: <http://www.unesco.org/new/en/natural-sciences/science-technology/sti-policy/global-focus/science-popularization/prizes/kalinga-prize/>

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