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FUNDING ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1) Flora and Fauna – The Flagship Species Fund Small Grants Programme

The Flagship Species Fund aims to provide practical support to the conservation of endangered species and their associated ecosystems in developing countries. Projects must focus on threatened species of animals and plants. Main restrictions are that the Programme will not support work that is part of an academic qualification. The Flagship Species Fund Small Grants Programme provides urgently needed support to small scale and pilot conservation projects around the world that are concerned directly with the protection of endangered flagship species. The Programme currently disperses grants once a year. In 2007, grants will be awarded in May. The deadline for applications is 16th February 2007.
Only proposals submitted using the application form and sent to the Flagship Species Fund coordinator by the set deadline will be considered for funding.

For more information, please contact:
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E-mail: info@fauna-flora.org OR fsf@fauna-flora.org
Web: http://www.fauna-flora.org/help/funds.html

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2) AGFUND International Prize for Pioneering Development Projects

AGFUND International Prize is an annual prize awarded by the Arab Gulf Programme for United Nations Development Organizations (AGFUND). It aims to honour the pioneering development projects in the developing countries. The Prize is consisted of a financial reward of US$ 300,000 (three hundred thousand dollars) in addition to trophies and certificates of recognition. It aims at encouraging continuity in implementing pioneering development projects and stimulating the efforts of those who are capable of contributing to developmental and humanitarian action in the developing countries. This reflects the keenness and continued endeavours of AGFUND to support the efforts targeting the alleviation of human suffering and pain.

The United Nations organizations, international and regional organizations, universities, research centers, NGOs, Governmental bodies (if not participating in the project implementation) and country federations of NGOs shall be eligible to submit nominations for the Prize. Closing date for acceptance of nominations is April 30 every year.

For more information about the prize, please contact:
P.O. Box 18371, Riyadh 11415,
Saudi Arabia.
Tel: +966 1 4418888
Fax: +966 1 4412962 OR +966 1 4412963
E-mail: info@agfund.org OR prize@agfund.org

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3) WIPO Fund for Indigenous and Local Community Participation

The General Assembly of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) has established a Voluntary Fund for Indigenous and Local Communities. This Fund directly supports the participation of representatives of these communities in the work of the Intergovernmental Committee on Intellectual Property and Genetic Resources, Traditional Knowledge and Folklore (IGC) of WIPO.

Beneficiaries from the fund are members of indigenous or local communities, or other representatives of customary holders or custodians of traditional knowledge or traditional cultural expressions. They are to be selected from already accredited IGC observers by an Advisory Board appointed from WIPO member states and indigenous observers. The Voluntary Fund is devoted entirely to funding their travel and living expenses to enable them to take part in the sessions of the IGC held in Geneva and other related activities. A fast-track procedure has been also set up to accredit WIPO observers. Funding applications for the next session of the IGC must be received by the WIPO Secretariat 60
days before the commencement of their previous session, which is due to take place in June or July 2007.

For more information, please contact WIPO at:
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World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO)
34, Chemin des Colombettes
1211 Geneva 20
Switzerland.
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E-mail: grtkf@wipo.int

4) Call for Small Grant Fund project proposals - Ramsar Convention on Wetlands (2007 cycle)

The call for proposals is now being made for the 2007 cycle, with a deadline of 30 June 2007 for application and with a decision by the Standing Committee around end of the year. The current edition of the "Small Grants Fund (SGF) Operational Guidelines", which includes complete information and the required forms, is now available on the Ramsar Web site in Word and PDF formats, as well as directly from the Secretariat. The Secretariat's regional teams also offer an advisory service to help with the preparation of suitable proposals, for which drafts should be submitted to the Senior Regional Advisors by 15 April 2007. Eligibility is restricted to countries on the List of Aid Recipients established by the Development Assistance Committee (DAC) of the Organization of Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), effectively meaning developing countries and countries with economies in transition. Projects may be proposed and implemented by any agency, NGO, or individual.

Readers can also find lists of the successful project proposals for each year since 1992 and news reports of successfully completed projects, which may provide useful tips as to the kinds of projects and approaches most often selected for assistance, on the Ramsar’s Web site.

For further information about the Small Grants Fund, please contact:
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Rue Mauverney 28, CH-1196 Gland,
Switzerland.
Tel: +41 22 999 0170
Fax: +41 22 999 0169
E-mail: ramsar@ramsar.org
Web: http://www.ramsar.org/sgf/key_sgf_index.htm

5) WoodWisdom-Net Programme – Call for International Research Proposals

The first call in the WoodWisdom-Net programme has opened. Altogether 15 funding organisations in seven European countries (Finland, Denmark, Germany, Norway, Sweden, France and United Kingdom) launch a call for proposals focusing in two areas: "Wood production and properties" and "New wood-based products, efficient processes and sustainable forestry". Proposals (first step) are welcome from the 1st of November 2006 to the 31st of January, 2007.

The programme - and the call - is expected to increase synergies between research teams around Europe and build a research platform in the area of wood material science and engineering that will promote the sustainability and competitiveness of forestry sector and forest-based industry in Europe.
The objective of the call is to encourage and fund high-quality research within wood material science and engineering. It should promote transnational cooperation; increase efficient use of resources; support development of scientific and technological knowledge base; build synergies of knowledge exchange and technology transfer; provide long-term profitable and environmental friendly forestry management and forest production; provide raw material supply for specific products or demands, and promote the development of new wood-based products and efficient processes. The call includes two theme areas: “Wood production and properties” (Sub Call A - basic research) and “New wood-based products, efficient processes and sustainable forestry” (Sub Call B - applied and industrial RTD). These areas address common priorities and are in alignment with the national research programmes and with the SRA of the Forest-Based Sector Technology Platform and national research agendas.

The selection process involves two stages: First Step Proposals are welcome from the 1st of November 2006 to the 31st of January, 2007. The WoodWisdom-Net Steering Committee will then perform an evaluation and the invitations for second stage will be sent in the end of February 2007.

For more information, please contact their Web site at:
Web: http://www.woodwisdom.net/programmes/ww-net_call_announcement.pdf

6) West African Research Center Travel Grant

The West African Research Center in Dakar, Senegal is offering travel bursaries which may be used assist in attend and present papers at academic conferences, to visit libraries or archives that contain resources necessary to the applicant’s current academic work or to travel to a research site.

Upon completion of their research, grantees are required to submit a detailed report of their work and findings. This report will subsequently be published in the biannual West African Research Association (WARA). A deadline for application is March 15, 2007.

For more information, please contact:
West African Research Center/Centre de Recherche Ouest Africaine
B.P. 5456 (Fann Résidence)
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Dakar, Senegal.
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Fax: +221 824 2058
E-mail: warc_croa@yahoo.fr
Web: http://web.africa.ufl.edu/WARA/fund_travel.htm

7) Grants for developing Community-based monitoring system for developing countries

The Poverty and Economic Policy (PEP) Research Network brings together and provides support to developing country researchers working to reduce poverty. The network receives funding from the International Development Research Centre (IDRC) as part of its Micro Impacts of Macroeconomics and Adjustment Policies (MIMAP) program. Specific objectives of PEP are to support:

- **Community-Based Monitoring Systems (CBMS)** - designs and pilots community-based monitoring and local development systems aimed at poverty in its multidimensional sense.
- **Poverty Monitoring, Measurement and Analysis (PMMA)** - aims to develop and apply analytical tools to monitor, measure and understand poverty, and to analyze a wide range of poverty issues.
Modeling and Policy Impact Analysis (MPIA) - uses economy-wide models as a "laboratory" to identify and analyze the links between specific policies and shocks and their eventual impacts on poverty.

CBMS Network Research Grants are given to proponent institutions from developing countries, except for countries where CBMS is currently being implemented i.e. Bangladesh, Benin, Burkina Faso, Cambodia, Ghana, India, Indonesia, Kenya, Laos, Nepal, Pakistan, Philippines, Senegal, Sri Lanka, and Vietnam, for the development and institutionalization of a community-based monitoring system in their own countries. Each grant amounting to a maximum of US$ 50,000 is intended to cover the design and the pilot of the CBMS in the respective countries. Aside from the financial support, grantees are given opportunities to participate in the annual CBMS and PEP network training workshops and conferences and are also given access to the CBMS network database as well as technical support from the network’s pool of technical advisors. Institutions who intend to avail of the grant should submit a research proposal to the CBMS Network Coordinating Team for initial screening. CBMS network proposals are categorized into two: (1) development and pilot-test of a CBMS, and (2) expansion and institutionalization of a CBMS.

8) Sven Brohult Award - Call for nominations 2007

This is the most prestigious of the awards given by the International Foundation for Science (IFS) to its grantees and amounts to US$10,000. It is awarded every third year in recognition of excellence in scientific research carried out in a developing country.

Nominations are assessed by IFS senior scientific advisers at their meetings in spring 2007. The award will officially be given in conjunction with the IFS board of trustees meeting in November 2007.

The awardees shall be or have been an IFS grantee within the last fifteen years. The awardees shall have distinguished him/her by outstanding research carried out in a developing country.

IFS affiliated organisations, other national and international scientific societies, research institutions in developed and developing countries, IFS Scientific Advisers and other scientists, and IFS grantees, may nominate a past or present IFS grantee considered to merit receipt of this award by virtue of outstanding research activities. Self-nomination is not permitted.

Nominations should include the name of the IFS grantee, a motivation or description of the research achievements of the nominee and the nominator’s name, institutional affiliation and contact details. Deadline for applications: 1 February 2007.

For more information, please contact:
E-mail: ylva.egardt@ifs.se
Web: http://www.ifs.se/Grantees/sven_brohult_award.asp

9) Global Environmental Prize
The University of St Andrews and Conoco-Phillips have announced the call for entries for the ninth international St Andrews Prize for the Environment. Applications are invited from individuals, multi-disciplinary teams or community groups for the 2007 annual prize of 50,000 USD for the winner and 10,000 USD for each of the two runners-up.

The primary objective of the prize is to find innovative solutions to environmental problems. The solutions should be practical, combining good science, economic reality and political acceptability. The prize offers people from all backgrounds around the world the chance to help transform their environmental ideas into reality and also provides a network of connections and support. So far, the prize has attracted entries from more than 50 countries each year on topics as diverse as sustainable development in the Amazon rainforest, urban re-generation, recycling, health and water issues, and renewable energy.

For more information, please contact:
St Andrews Prize for the environment office,
Tel: +44 1334 462544 OR +44 1334 462161
E-mail: prize@st-andrews.ac.uk
Web: http://www.thestandrewsprize.com

10) Joint AU-WIPO Invention and Innovation Award

The AU-WIPO is an initiative of the Africa Union Commission and the World Intellectual Property Organization. It is a leading continental award in Africa honouring the scientists and technologists whose efforts are towards addressing critical problems in Africa and the attainment of the Millennium Development Goals.

The objective/purpose is to reward inventions that address critical problems in Africa, such as those in the fields of food technology, health care, water supply/sanitation and energy. Inventions clearly identified as serving military purposes will not be eligible for the AU-WIPO Awards. The fields of technology will be decided by the AU and WIPO Secretariats, based on the economic and technological development priorities of the African countries. These fields will be announced for each edition of the AU-WIPO Award. Significance or importance of the proposed invention: The nominated inventions should address problems, which are experienced not only locally but in other parts of Africa.

Four awards will be given, one for each of the following categories. The inventor could be an individual or a group of individuals:
- “Best invention by an African inventor”;
- “Best invention by a woman inventor”;
- “Best invention by a young inventor” (under 25 years as of January 1, 2006);
- “Best technology invention based on indigenous knowledge”.

Each nomination should be submitted with a nomination form, duly completed and with all the necessary attachments, including an abstract in one of the AU official languages. Deadline for submission of nominations: all nominations should be received by the African Union (AU) Secretariat not later than 01 March 2007.

For more information and to submit your nominations please contact:
AU Commission
Department of Human Resources Science and Technology
The Secretariat of the Africa Union/WIPO Award
P.O. Box 3243
Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.
11) Volvo Adventure Environmental Award

Volvo Adventure in partnership with the United Nations Environment Program is an educational program that rewards environmental activities among the decision makers of the future. Environmental projects are undertaken by young people to improve their local environment. It is open to young people around the world aged between 10 and 16 years, working with schools and youth and community groups. Volvo Adventure is supported by the United Nations Environment Program (UNEP).

If you enter an environmental project to Volvo Adventure your group could: Win an all expenses paid trip to attend the Volvo Adventure Conference in Sweden; present your environmental project and practical action to a jury of international experts; Win a $10,000, $6,000 or $4,000 prize to fund your environmental project. Projects must be submitted by January 31, 2007.

For more information, please contact the following Web site:
Web: http://www.volvoadventure.org

12) Carbon Finance at the World Bank: List of available funds

These funds aim to support projects in developing countries in exchange for such credits under the Clean Development Mechanism (CDM) established by the Kyoto Protocol to the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change.

Prototype Carbon Fund
http://carbonfinance.org/Router.cfm?Page=PCF&FID=9707&ItemID=9707

Bio Carbon Fund
http://carbonfinance.org/Router.cfm?Page=BioCF&FID=9708&ItemID=9708

Community Development Carbon Fund
http://carbonfinance.org/Router.cfm?Page=CDCF&FID=9709&ItemID=9709

Italian Carbon Fund
http://carbonfinance.org/Router.cfm?Page=ICF&FID=9710&ItemID=9710

The Netherlands CDM Facility
http://carbonfinance.org/Router.cfm?Page=NCDMF&FID=9711&ItemID=9711

Danish Carbon Fund
http://carbonfinance.org/Router.cfm?Page=DCF&FID=9713&ItemID=9713

Spanish Carbon Fund
http://carbonfinance.org/Router.cfm?Page=SCF&FID=9714&ItemID=9714

Carbon Fund for Europe
http://carbonfinance.org/Router.cfm?Page=CFE&FID=30444&ItemID=30444
13) Natural Environment Research Council: Funding opportunities

The Natural Environment Research Council in the United Kingdom has recently announced the following two funding opportunities:

a) QUEST Funding Opportunity: Forestry-based climate mitigation project

Proposals are invited for research projects to examine and test the principles for forestry-based climate mitigation projects that will identify verification methods, design principles and guidelines intended to maximise benefits for climate, social welfare, the environment and biodiversity.

For more information, please contact the following Web site:
http://www.nerc.ac.uk/research/programmes/quest/events/ao070130-forestry.asp

b) QUEST Funding Opportunity: Sustainable Forestry and Bio-energy

Proposals are invited for research projects to quantify the worldwide potential of different plant-based options to mitigate climate change, accounting for their environmental, biodiversity, economic and social consequences; a primary objective will be to provide information to decision makers involved in international climate policy negotiations.

For more information, please contact the following Web site:
http://www.nerc.ac.uk/research/programmes/quest/events/ao070130-bioenergy.asp

14) Call for Nominations: Royal Society Pfizer Award

This prestigious international award, sponsored by Pfizer Ltd, is designed to reward scientists at an early stage of their research career and to promote capacity building in the developing world. The 2007 award is open to any research scientist working in Africa, making an innovative contribution to the biological sciences including basic medical science that has led to a sustainable positive impact on Africa. Up to £60,000 will be awarded as a grant in order for the recipient to carry out a research project that is linked to an African centre of scientific excellence, which would normally be a University, or equivalent research centre. £5,000 will be given as a prize to the recipient.

Nominations can be made by senior academics and members of National Academies of Science. Nominations consist of statements from the nominator outlining the candidate’s scientific record, suitability for the award and impact in Africa, and a proposal by the nominee for the research project on which to spend the grant. Closing date for nominations is 21 February 2007.

For full details of this award and the online nomination forms, please visit their Web site or contact:
Ms. Madeleine Bell
Tel: +44 20 7451 2607
E-mail: awards@royalsoc.ac.uk
Web: http://www.royalsoc.ac.uk/pfizer

15) Public Welfare Foundation – Grant program

The primary goal of the Public Welfare Foundation is to address human needs in disadvantaged communities. The Foundation's grant making strongly emphasizes support for organizations that
include service, advocacy, or empowerment in their approach, with particular interest in efforts that combine two or all three of these element. They also look for organizations that link their work, or their community and local work, to other efforts to effect broader public policy change. The Foundation provides both general support and project specific grants. The Foundation does not accept requests to fund scholarships, graduate work, individuals, government projects, academic research, or foreign study. Only on a limited basis and almost exclusively where the proposal is closely connected with our current work, do they fund conferences, seminars, workshops, publications, video/media production projects, endowments, capital grants, and equipment requests. The grant approval levels for the fiscal year 2007 for environment project are $2,500,000.

The Environment Program promotes efforts that address global and local challenges to the environment, sustainable use of natural resources, and the prevention or remediation of threats to health and safety from pollution, especially in localities most affected and least able to respond to them. The foundation does not provide for fixed deadlines for the year 2007, the application can be sent by the applicants as the organization regularly examines the proposals.

For more information, please contact:
Web: http://www.publicwelfare.org

SCHOLARSHIPS/FELLOWSHIPS ANNOUNCEMENTS:

16) UNESCO-VOCATIONS PATRIMOINE Fellowships 2007

UNESCO has launched the selection process for five new Fellowships for World Heritage Site Managers offered through the UNESCO-VOCATIONS PATRIMOINE Programme. Professionals involved in the management, safeguarding and development of World Heritage sites as well as young people intending to pursue a career in these areas are invited to submit applications to UNESCO before 31 March 2007. The UNESCO-VOCATIONS PATRIMOINE World Heritage Site Managers Programme aims to enhance the capacity of professionals presently working or intending to work in the management, conservation and promotion of World Heritage sites.

Application forms are available at the Web site. Applicants should submit their completed applications to their country’s official national liaison body for UNESCO. This is usually the National Commission (for the list of National Commissions, see ‘Communities’ section at http://portal.unesco.org), which will select a maximum of two candidates from each country. Priority will be given to applicants from developing countries and to professionals already working at a World Heritage site.

For more information, please contact World Heritage Web site:

17) Junior Research Fellowships 2007

Trinity College intends to hold an election of Junior Research Fellows on 1 October 2007. The purpose of Junior Research Fellowships is to offer men and women of exceptional calibre who are at an early stage of their academic careers an opportunity to pursue research for up to four years. Candidates must not have completed more than three-and-a-half years of full-time research by 1 October 2007. The Fellowships are available in all branches of University studies. A Junior Research Fellow receives a stipend from the College of £21,067 per annum (reviewable in line with academic stipends), less any emolument received from a source outside College, provided that a Fellow who is registered for a further course of study in the United Kingdom (e.g. a PhD degree) will normally receive, instead of a stipend, a maintenance grant at the rate of £15,450 p.a. until completion of the
course of study. In addition, such Fellows are entitled to rooms in College (subject to certain conditions) and may take meals at High Table free of charge. A Junior Research Fellow who is allocated a College flat is charged rent at the married student’s rate. Completed application forms and supporting documents must reach the College by 4.00pm on 1 March 2007.

For more information, please contact the College:
Senior Tutor’s Clerk, Junior Research Fellowship Competition, Trinity College, Cambridge, CB2 1TQ, UK.
E-mail: jrf@trin.cam.ac.uk
Web: http://www.trin.cam.ac.uk

18) Alexander von Humboldt Foundation Research Fellowships

The Alexander von Humboldt Foundation awards Humboldt Research Fellowships to highly qualified scholars and scientists who hold a Ph.D. and are under 40 years of age. The program enables them to carry out research projects of their own in Germany for periods ranging from 6 to 12 months. Scholars from all academic disciplines may apply. There are no quotas in respect of either country or academic discipline. Approximately 500 research fellowships are available per annum. These stipends represent an attractive opportunity for faculty to spend, for example, a sabbatical in Germany. Applications may be submitted at any time, but should be received at the Foundation in Bonn at least 5 months prior to the meeting at which they are reviewed. The committee meets in March, June/July, and November every year to select winners.

For more information, please visit the foundation’s Web site at:
Web: http://www.avh.de/en/programme/stip_aus/stp.htm

19) Mwalimu Nyerere African Union Scholarship Scheme

The Mwalimu Nyerere African Union Scholarship Scheme is designed to enable African students to undertake degree programmes of study (Bachelors’, Masters’ and PhD) in leading African Universities, in the areas of science and technology, with a binding agreement that the beneficiaries will work in an African country for 2 to 5 years after graduation. Deadline for sending application is 20th January 2007.

For more information:
http://www.africa-union.org/root/au/Conferences/Past/2006/November/HRST/The_Advert.doc
Application form can be downloaded via this web link:

20) Erasmus Mundus Master Courses (Forest related) – 2007/2008 programme

The Universities organizing the MSc programme under Erasmus Mundus are warmly welcome all interested students and professionals from all countries inside and outside Europe to apply for the 2007/2008 MSc programme. Interested students are invited to contact the coordinators of the courses concerned for further information on admission conditions, application forms and scholarships. Deadline for Erasmus Mundus Master Courses to receive third country student applications is established by each course – and vary, between November 2006 and January 2007.
Please visit the respective programme Web site for more information:

- Masters Course in Sustainable Tropical Forestry - [http://www.sutrofor.net/](http://www.sutrofor.net/)
- Masters Course in Sustainable Development in Agriculture - [http://www.natura-net.eu/training/](http://www.natura-net.eu/training/)
- Masters Course in Environmental Sciences, Policy and Management - [http://www.mespom.org/](http://www.mespom.org/)

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21) African Guest Researchers' Scholarship Programme

One important task of the Nordic Africa Institute is to establish and maintain relations with African research communities. This is inter alia carried out through a Guest Researchers' Scholarship Programme, the aim of which is to provide opportunities for its participants to pursue their own research projects, thereby indirectly strengthening the academic milieux in African countries, and promoting scholarly exchange with Nordic research communities. The program is directed at senior scholars in Africa engaged in research on/about the African continent with a proven track record of extensive post-graduate research experiences. Women are encouraged to apply. Eligibility fields include global trade and regional integration, gender and age, post-conflict transition, the state and civil society. A deadline for application is 1 April 2007. Please note that this scholarship program is directed at scholars in Africa, engaged in research on the African continent.

For more information, please contact:
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Tel: +46 18 56 22 34
E-mail: nina.klinge-nygard@nai.uu.se
Web: [http://www.nai.uu.se/scholarships/african/](http://www.nai.uu.se/scholarships/african/)

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22) ITTO Fellowships – 2007 cycle

ITTO offers fellowships through the Freezailah Fellowship Fund to promote human resource development and to strengthen professional expertise in member countries in tropical forestry and related disciplines. The goal is to promote the sustainable management of tropical forests, the efficient use and processing of tropical timber, and better economic information about the international trade in tropical timber.

The maximum amount for a fellowship grant is US$10,000. Only nationals of ITTO member countries are eligible to apply. The next deadline to receive application is 8 March 2007, for activities that will begin no sooner than 1 August 2007.

For more information, including application forms (available also in French or Spanish) contact:
Dr. Chisato Aoki,
Fellowship Program,
ITTO, Japan
Fax: +81 45 223 1111
E-mail: fellowship@itto.or.jp

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23) Huygens Scholarship Programme 2007

The Huygens Programme fosters an influx of outstanding foreign students from countries with which the Netherlands has concluded a Cultural Agreement and from countries with which the Dutch Ministry of Education, Culture and Science has concluded agreements regarding the award of scholarships. A committee of experts selects the most qualified students.

Only complete and correct applications are considered and they will have to be submitted through a Dutch Embassy in the country where the student is a permanent resident and not directly to Netherlands organization for international cooperation in higher education (NUFFIC). A deadline for application is 1 February 2007.

For more information about the Huygens Scholarship Programme, please contact:
NUFFIC
Department for International Academic Relations
P.O. Box 29777,
2502 LT, Hague, the Netherlands.
Tel: +3170 426 0236
Fax: +31 70 426 0259
Web: http://www.ideadutch.com/huygens.html

24) Museveni Scholarship

The Centre for the Study of African Economies (CSAE), Department of Economics at the University of Oxford invites applications for a President Museveni scholarship of £10,000 to support Africans wishing to pursue economic research at the University for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy (DPhil). Candidates will be drawn from students accepted for DPhil research by the University of Oxford. The thesis topic should be of relevance to African economies. Museveni Scholars will be attached to the CSAE and will normally be supervised by members of the research team.

For more information and to apply, please contact:
E-mail: rose.page@economics.ox.ac.uk
Web: http://www.csae.ox.ac.uk/scholarships/Museveni/Mscholar.html

25) Masters degree Scholarships at the Centre for Ecological and Evolutionary Studies, University of Groningen

The Centre for Ecological and Evolutionary Studies organizes a highly successful master's programme on the interface between ecology and evolution. This two-year "top master" programme is designed to provide an optimal preparation for a subsequent PhD programme and eventually for a scientific career in academic research. Through intensive student-teacher interaction during courses, seminars, practicals and individual research projects, students get an intense training in modern research paradigms and techniques. Much emphasis will be placed on the development of critical thinking and the training in "soft skills" like efficient communication or writing grant proposals. The programme is highly selective and aimed at the brightest and most ambitious students from all over the world. A fellowship, covering tuition and subsistence costs, may be made available to qualified candidates. The deadline for application is 1 February 2007.

For more information, please visit their Web site or contact:
Franz J. Weissing, Professor of Theoretical Biology
Centre for Ecological and Evolutionary Studies
26) Joint Japan/World Bank Graduate Scholarship Program

The Programs provide opportunities for graduate studies leading to master's degree in development-related fields for mid-career professionals from the World Bank member countries, eligible to borrow. To apply for a JJ/WBGSP scholarship under the Regular Program, an applicant must:

- Be a national of a World Bank member country eligible to borrow.
- Be between the ages of 25 and 45. Applicants born before April 1, 1962 or after March 31, 1982, will not be considered.
- Have, by March 31, 2007, at least 2 years of recent full time professional experience acquired after a university degree, in the applicant’s home country or in another developing country.
- Hold a bachelor's degree or its equivalent. The Program does not support studies in the applicant’s home country.

The Program does not support applicants for MBA, M.Phil. or PhD degrees. The Program does not also support legal studies such as J.D., L.L.M. or S.J.D. except for L.L.M.’s related to human rights, environment, or good governance. The JJ/WBGSP Regular Program sponsors graduate studies leading to Masters' degrees in a wide range of Universities around the world. The list of selected universities has been specified on the program’s Web site. Preference is given to fields of study related to Millennium Development Goals (MDG).

For more specific information:
The World Bank, 1818 H Street,
NW Washington,
20433, USA.


27) BP Conservation Programme - Research Fellowship Program

The Research Fellowship Program (RFP), administered by the Wildlife Conservation Society-International Conservation’s Training & Capacity Building Program, is now receiving some support from the BP Conservation Programme. It is a small grants program designed to build capacity for the next generation of conservationists through supporting individual field research projects that have a clear application to the conservation of threatened wildlife and wildlife habitat.

The WCS RFP supports field research in Africa, Asia, and Latin America. Traditionally the RFP has not supported research in North America, Australia, or Europe, or their territories. However, the RFP has just begun to accept applications from Native Americans (US) and First Nation Peoples (Canada). Proposals are submitted in a standard format for two annual cycles with deadlines on March 1 and September 1. They are reviewed for suitability by WCS Africa, Asia, Latin America and Caribbean, and Marine Conservation Regional Programs, and then sent for peer review.

For more information (application guidelines and procedures), please contact:
28) World Bank Internship Program

The application period for the Summer Internship Program ends on January 31, 2007. Please apply online using the Apply button on the right. The Internship Program is open to students who are nationals of the Bank's member countries and attracts a large number of highly qualified candidates. The goal of this Internship Program is to offer successful candidates an opportunity to improve their skills as well as the experience of working in an international environment. Interns generally find the experience to be rewarding and interesting.

To be eligible for the Internship Program, candidates must possess an undergraduate degree and already be enrolled in a full-time graduate study program (pursuing a Master's degree or PhD with plans to return to school in a full-time capacity. Generally, successful candidates have completed their first year of graduate studies or are already into their PhD programs. This Program typically seeks candidates in the following fields: economics, finance, human development (public health, education, nutrition, and population), social science (anthropology, sociology), agriculture, environment, private sector development, as well as other related fields. Fluency in English is required. Prior relevant work experience, computing skills, as well as knowledge of languages such as French, Spanish, Russian, Arabic, Portuguese, and Chinese are advantageous.

The Bank pays an hourly salary to all Interns and, where applicable, provides an allowance towards travel expenses. Interns are responsible for their own living accommodations. Most positions are located in Washington, DC (some positions are offered in country offices) and are a minimum of four weeks in duration. The application for World Bank Group Internship Program can be only submitted online.

For more information, please contact World Bank Web site at:

LISTSERVES, DIRECTORIES, PORTALS AND PUBLICATIONS:

Web portals with grants opportunities:

Funding opportunities for Community-based Organisations (CBOs), NGOs and researchers - http://www.iapad.org/grantmaking.htm


Feldman Graduate Fellowships in Sustainable Development & graduate scholarships in poverty alleviation and community development –
Nominations are encouraged from international and governmental development institutions and NGOs. Self-nominations are accepted, and women are especially encouraged to apply. Deadline for application to both fellowships is March 31, 2007.

E-mail: HellerAdmissions@brandeis.edu
Web: http://heller.brandeis.edu/sid/downloads/feldman07.doc

Harry S. Truman Scholarship -
This is one of the most prestigious scholarships, shaped for students who intend to pursue a career targeted to public service or government. Up to about 80 students are selected. A deadline for submitting your application is 01 February 2007.

Web: http://www.truman.gov

The Shell Centenary Scholarship Fund -
Deadline for applications for Shell scholarships is March 1st 2007. For further information about the scholarship and application procedures, please contact their Web site at:

Web: http://www.shellscholar.org/home/index.html


ANSTI Fellowships 2007/2008
The African Network of Scientific and Technological Institutions have a limited number of fellowships available for postgraduate studies in ANSTI member institutions. Both the UNESCO and the DAAD forms should be filled in triplicate. Application deadline is 31st May, 2007. Go to their Web site for more details.

Web: http://www.ansti.org/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=119&Itemid=1

Gates Millennium Scholarships
The goal of Gates Millennium Scholarships is to promote academic excellence and to provide an opportunity for thousands of outstanding students with significant financial need. Deadline for application is March 15 2007. Go to their Web site for more details.

Web: http://www.gmsp.org/SOW4/

Oak Foundation
It provides fund to organizations which address issues of global social and environmental concern.
Web: http://www.oakfnd.org

Cottonwood Foundation
It gives grants to organizations that work to protect the environment, promote cultural diversity, empower people and encourage volunteerism.
Web: http://www.cottonwoodfdn.org

W.K. Kellogg Foundation
Focusing on building the capacity of individuals, communities, and institutions to solve their own problems.
Web: http://www.wkkf.org
Charles Stewart Mott Foundation
Administers grants relevant to civil society, environment, poverty, as well as special projects.
Web: http://www.mott.org

Andrew W. Mellon Foundation
Makes grants in the following areas: conservation and the environment, cultural programs, higher education and scholarship, population, and public affairs.
Web: http://www.mellon.org

Web portals for funding/grant writing proposals:
The following documents/web portals are an attempt to collect together a number of suggestions about what makes a good proposal. Some are inevitably personal views on the part of the authors.

Guide for writing a funding proposal - http://www.learnerassociates.net/proposal/
A practical guide for writing proposals - http://members.dca.net/areid/proposal.htm
Grant writing tips and links - http://www.schoolgrants.org/tips.htm
Keys to successfully written grants - http://www.treelink.org/grants/keys.phtml
Fund raising / grant seeking basics - http://www.treelink.org/grants/basics.phtml
Tips on proposal development - http://www.jmu.edu/sponsprog/writingtips.html
Writing a good grant proposal - http://research.microsoft.com/~simonpi/papers/Proposal.html

TRAINING COURSES, MEETINGS AND MISCELLANEOUS:

Summer Certificate Course - 2007: Sustainable Environmental Management

Beahrs Environmental Leadership Program are seeking applicants for the 2007 summer certificate course in ‘Sustainable Environmental Management’ at the University of California, Berkeley. The 2007 summer course brochure and application in MS Word and as a pdf may be downloaded from the Web site (welcome page) or by visit to this Web site, http://nature.berkeley.edu/BeahrsELP. Applications must be received no later than February 1, 2007.

For more information, please contact:
Robin Marsh & David Zilberman, Co-Directors, Beahrs ELP
Or Leslie Correll, Program Representative,
Climate Change Course; Science, Impacts and Responses: From 26 to 30 March 2007, Imperial College, London, United Kingdom.

This course is a five day modular programme to help professionals understand the business impact of climate change from underlying science to business responses. It will provide an in-depth understanding of various aspects of climate change in a concentrated period and gives those attending an opportunity to discuss the issues relevant to them.

Topics will include: Climate Science, Mitigation Technologies and Policies, International Negotiations, Emissions Trading and the project-based mechanisms, GHG Mitigation in Agriculture and Forestry, and Impacts and Adaptation.

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Workshop ‘Climate Change in SEE Countries: Causes, Impacts, Solutions’, 26- 27 March 2007, Graz, Austria

Information regarding this workshop (accommodation, programme) is provided at the webpage of JOANNEUM RESEARCH centre at http://www.joanneum.at/climate. Also, information about possibly granted subsidies will be provided at this page soon.
Although the organization of the workshop is proceeding, organizers are kindly encouraging interested people to attend as speaker, poster or mere participant. Beside to their webpage, please find also information about registration procedure and requirements at:

For more information, please contact:
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Other upcoming international courses and training related to forest policy

Web link to an up coming courses and training related to forest policy:
http://www.infoagrar.ch/Informationcenter%5Cmediadir.nsf/Internet?SearchView&Query=(policy+AND+forest*)++AND+(%5Bform%5D=TC)&SearchWV=FALSE

For more information, please visit the Web site below:
http://www.ecotourismglobalconference.org/

Directory of Asia Pacific Forestry Researchers
http://www.apafri.org/mod/researcher.htm

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