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Annexes: 2 (Annex I available in English only)

Your Excellency,

I have the honour to invite WMO Members to submit nominations for the sixty-sixth IMO Prize.

The prestigious IMO Prize is awarded annually to a selected individual for his/her outstanding work in the field of meteorology or in any other field referred to in Article 2 of the WMO Convention, *Basic Documents No. 1 2019 edition*, (WMO-No. 15). The scientific value of the work and the services rendered at the international level are taken into consideration in selecting the laureate. Detailed information on the Prize and nomination procedures are provided in the attached nomination form. I wish to invite your attention to the fact that candidates cannot be proposed posthumously and that not more than three candidates proposed by any Member can be considered for the Prize in any given year.

The sixty-sixth IMO Prize will be awarded by the WMO Executive Council in April 2021. The deadline for submission of nominations is **Sunday, 18 April 2021**. Nominations received after 18 April 2021 will not be considered for the sixty-sixth prize but will be retained for subsequent awards during the eighteenth financial period of the Organization (2020-2023).

A list of previous winners is attached as [Annex I](#) to this letter, while the nomination form is [Annex II](#).

I have the further honour to invite you to send the nomination form, list of publications and curriculum vitae or résumé as PDF files and the summary of accomplishments in MS Word (doc, docx or RTF) to the following email address: [IMOPrize\\_nominations@wmo.int](mailto:IMOPrize_nominations@wmo.int).

I should like to bring your kind attention to the fact that a copy of this letter is being sent to WMO Permanent Representatives, and to Permanent Missions of Member States with WMO in Geneva.

Accept, Your Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Prof. Petteri Taalas  
Secretary-General

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**INTERNATIONAL METEOROLOGICAL ORGANIZATION (IMO) PRIZE WINNERS**

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1 <sup>st</sup>	(1956)	Dr Th. Hesselberg (Norway)
2 <sup>nd</sup>	(1957)	Professor C.G. Rossby (Sweden and USA)
3 <sup>rd</sup>	(1958)	Mr E. Gold (UK)
4 <sup>th</sup>	(1959)	Professor J. Bjerknes (Norway and USA)
5 <sup>th</sup>	(1960)	Professor J. van Mieghem (Belgium)
6 <sup>th</sup>	(1961)	Dr K.R. Ramanathan (India)
7 <sup>th</sup>	(1962)	Dr A. Angström (Sweden)
8 <sup>th</sup>	(1963)	Dr R.C. Sutcliffe (U.K.)
9 <sup>th</sup>	(1964)	Dr F.W. Reichelderfer (USA)
10 <sup>th</sup>	(1965)	Professor S. Petterssen (Norway and USA)
11 <sup>th</sup>	(1966)	Dr T.H.P. Bergeron (Sweden)
12 <sup>th</sup>	(1967)	Professor K.Y. Kondratyev (former USSR)
13 <sup>th</sup>	(1968)	Sir Graham Sutton (UK)
14 <sup>th</sup>	(1969)	Professor E. Palmén (Finland)
15 <sup>th</sup>	(1970)	Professor R. Scherhag (Germany)
16 <sup>th</sup>	(1971)	Professor J.G. Charney (USA)
17 <sup>th</sup>	(1972)	Academician V.A. Bugaev (former USSR)
18 <sup>th</sup>	(1973)	Dr C.H.B. Priestley (Australia) Mr J.S. Sawyer (UK)
19 <sup>th</sup>	(1974)	Professor J. Smagorinsky (USA)
20 <sup>th</sup>	(1975)	Dr W.L. Godson (Canada)
21 <sup>st</sup>	(1976)	Academician E.K. Fedorov (former USSR)
22 <sup>nd</sup>	(1977)	Dr G.P. Cressman (USA)
23 <sup>rd</sup>	(1978)	Dr A. Nyberg (Sweden)
24 <sup>th</sup>	(1979)	Professor H.E. Landsberg (USA)
25 <sup>th</sup>	(1980)	Dr R.M. White (USA)
26 <sup>th</sup>	(1981)	Professor B. Bolin (Sweden)
27 <sup>th</sup>	(1982)	Dr W.J. Gibbs (Australia)
28 <sup>th</sup>	(1983)	Professor J.J. Burgos (Argentina) Mr M.F. Taha (Egypt)
29 <sup>th</sup>	(1984)	Professor T. Malone (USA)
30 <sup>th</sup>	(1985)	Sir Arthur Davies (UK)
31 <sup>st</sup>	(1986)	Dr H. Flohn (Germany)
32 <sup>nd</sup>	(1987)	Professor M.I. Budyko (former USSR)
33 <sup>rd</sup>	(1988)	Dr F. Kenneth Hare (Canada)
34 <sup>th</sup>	(1989)	Professor P.R. Pisharoty (India)
35 <sup>th</sup>	(1990)	Dr R.E. Hallgren (USA)
36 <sup>th</sup>	(1991)	Dr R. Fjörtoft (Norway)
37 <sup>th</sup>	(1992)	Professor Yu. A. Izrael (Russian Federation)
38 <sup>th</sup>	(1993)	Professor V.E. Suomi (USA)
39 <sup>th</sup>	(1994)	Mr J.P. Bruce (Canada)
40 <sup>th</sup>	(1995)	Dr R.L. Kintanar (Philippines)
41 <sup>st</sup>	(1996)	Dr T.N. Krishnamurti (USA)
42 <sup>nd</sup>	(1997)	Dr Mariano A. Estoque (Philippines)
43 <sup>rd</sup>	(1998)	Sir John Houghton (UK)
44 <sup>th</sup>	(1999)	Professor James C.I. Dooge (Ireland)
45 <sup>th</sup>	(2000)	Professor-Emeritus Edward N. Lorenz (USA)
46 <sup>th</sup>	(2001)	Dr Mohammad Hassan Ganji (Iran)
47 <sup>th</sup>	(2002)	Joanne Simpson (USA)
48 <sup>th</sup>	(2003)	Professor Duzheng Ye (China)
49 <sup>th</sup>	(2004)	Dr Bennert Machenhauer (Denmark)
50 <sup>th</sup>	(2005)	Dr John W. Zillman (Australia)
51 <sup>st</sup>	(2006)	Professor Lennart Bengtsson (Sweden)
52 <sup>nd</sup>	(2007)	Professor Jagadish Shukla (India/USA)
53 <sup>rd</sup>	(2008)	Dr Qin Dahe (China)
54 <sup>th</sup>	(2009)	Dr Eugenia Kalnay (Argentina/USA)

55 <sup>th</sup>	(2010)	Professor Taroh Matsuno (Japan)
56 <sup>th</sup>	(2011)	Professor Aksel Wiin-Nielsen (Denmark)
57 <sup>th</sup>	(2012)	Professor Dr Zaviša Janjić (Serbia/USA)
58 <sup>th</sup>	(2013)	Dr Tillmann Mohr (Germany)
59 <sup>th</sup>	(2014)	Dr A.I. Bedritskiy (Russia)
60 <sup>th</sup>	(2015)	Professor Dame Julia Mary Slingo (UK)
61 <sup>st</sup>	(2016)	Professor Qingcun Zeng (China)
62 <sup>nd</sup>	(2017)	Professor Gordon McBean (Canada)
63 <sup>rd</sup>	(2018)	Dr Antonio Divino Moura (Brazil)
64 <sup>th</sup>	(2019)	Dr Sergej Zilitinkevich (Russian Federation/Sweden)
65 <sup>th</sup>	(2020)	Mr David Grimes (Canada)

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# WORLD METEOROLOGICAL ORGANIZATION

## NOMINATION FORM

### **INTERNATIONAL METEOROLOGICAL ORGANIZATION (IMO) PRIZE**

The International Meteorological Organization (IMO) Prize is the most prestigious prize awarded by the World Meteorological Organization (WMO), a specialized agency of the United Nations. The title for this Prize originates from the non-governmental International Meteorological Organization, which was established in 1873; the IMO was the predecessor of the intergovernmental WMO, which came into being in 1950.

#### *The IMO Prize consists of:*

- (a) A fourteen-carat gold medal 57 mm in diameter. It bears on one side the official WMO emblem and on the other side the Latin inscription "Pro singulari erga scientiam meteorologicam merito";
- (b) A monetary award of CHF 10 000; and
- (c) A parchment scroll.

#### ELIGIBILITY

The IMO Prize is awarded annually to individuals for outstanding work in the field of meteorology or in any other field referred to in Article 2 of the WMO Convention, which appears on the next page.

#### NOMINATION PROCEDURES

The number of candidates considered for the Prize in any given year should not exceed three, submitted by one Member. Members may nominate qualified individuals from any Member State or Territory. A nomination received after the opening of a session of the Executive Council shall not be considered at that session, but shall be taken into consideration for all subsequent Prizes during that financial period.

The name of candidates presented by Members (Minister of Foreign Affairs, Permanent Mission of Member State with WMO or the Permanent Representative of Member State/Territory with WMO) will be referred to the IMO Prize Selection Committee, if they do not fall into any of the following categories:

- (a) Members of the Executive Council who, as electors, are not eligible for the award during their term of office as members of the Executive Council;
- (b) Candidates who are no longer alive on the date of their nomination. The award may nevertheless be made posthumously to a candidate who passed away between the date of nomination and the award of the Prize.

## Nominee

Include name, professional and home mailing address, present occupational title and institutional affiliation. Please enclose a curriculum vitae or résumé.

## Summary of accomplishments

Provide a brief statement (1 to 2 pages) of the individual's achievements in the fields for which the award is proposed. Be precise and factual. Attach a list of the individual's relevant publications, if any.

Please attach a list of the individual's publications. Please do not send the publications themselves, just a list.

## Length of candidacy

The length of candidacy spans the four-year financial period of the World Meteorological Organization. A candidate submitted for a given Prize but not chosen for the award of that year is retained on the list of candidates for subsequent prizes during that financial period. The financial period of WMO for which the nomination is to be considered is from 2020 to 2023.

## Nomination form

Electronic copies of the Nomination form for the International Meteorological Organization (IMO)

Prize can be obtained from: The Secretary-General's Office  
World Meteorological Organization  
P.O. Box 2300  
1211 Geneva 2 – SWITZERLAND  
[IMOPrize\\_nominations@wmo.int](mailto:IMOPrize_nominations@wmo.int)

## Deadline for nominations

Signed nominations for the sixty-sixth IMO Prize must be received by email in PDF format at [IMOPrize\\_nominations@wmo.int](mailto:IMOPrize_nominations@wmo.int), no later than **18 April 2021**.

## EXTRACT FROM THE WMO CONVENTION

### Article 2

#### PURPOSES

The purposes of the Organization shall be:

- (a) To facilitate worldwide cooperation in the establishment of networks of stations for the making of meteorological observations as well as hydrological and other geophysical observations related to meteorology, and to promote the establishment and maintenance of centres charged with the provisions of meteorological and related services;
- (b) To promote the establishment and maintenance of systems for the rapid exchange of meteorological and related information;
- (c) To promote standardization of meteorological and related observations and to ensure the uniform publication of observations and statistics;
- (d) To further the application of meteorology to aviation, shipping, water problems, agriculture and other human activities;
- (e) To promote activities in operational hydrology and to further close cooperation between Meteorological and Hydrological Services;
- (f) To encourage research and training in meteorology and, as appropriate, in related fields and to assist in coordinating the international aspects of such research and training.

NOMINATION FOR THE INTERNATIONAL  
METEOROLOGICAL ORGANIZATION (IMO) PRIZE

**NOMINEE** (name in full):

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DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH: .....

NATIONALITY: .....

ADDRESS: .....

Telephone: ..... Telefax: .....

Email: .....

EDUCATION: .....

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RELEVANT PUBLICATIONS AND SCIENTIFIC PAPERS (Please attach a list but not the  
publications.)

RELEVANT INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITIES:

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CURRICULUM VITAE (Please attach a curriculum vitae.)

SUMMARY OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS (Please attach a 1 or 2 page outline of nominee's  
significant contributions in the fields relevant to the Prize.)

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**NOMINATOR** (Minister of Foreign Affairs, Permanent Mission of Member State with WMO, or Permanent Representative of Member State/Territory with WMO)

NAME OF WMO MEMBER STATE/TERRITORY: .....

NAME OF NOMINATOR (in full): .....

ADDRESS: .....

Telephone: ..... Telefax: .....

Email: .....

POSITION/TITLE: .....

DATE: .....

SIGNATURE: .....

#### IMPORTANT GUIDELINES FOR SUBMISSION OF NOMINATIONS

***Please send your Nominations to: [IMOPrize\\_nominations@wmo.int](mailto:IMOPrize_nominations@wmo.int):***

The words “IMO nomination” must appear in the subject line of the email. The email must also have as attachments: (1) as PDF, a completed nomination form signed by the appropriate person, (2) the nominee’s curriculum vitae or résumé, (3) as a MS Word file, a 1 or 2 page summary of his/her achievements, and (4) a list of the nominee’s relevant publications (if any).

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