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Annex: 1

Subject: NORBERT GERBIER – MUMM International Award for 2014

Action required: Submission of nominations on or before **15 March 2013**

Dear Sir/Madam,

During its thirty-ninth session, the Executive Council approved the institution of the NORBERT GERBIER – MUMM Award, the purpose of which is to reward an original scientific paper on the influence of meteorology in a particular field of physical, natural or human sciences, or conversely the influence of one of those sciences on meteorology. The Council also approved the Guidelines to be followed for the presentation of the award (see Annex). At the forty-third session of the Council the title of the award was changed to read: NORBERT GERBIER - MUMM International Award.

The 18-month period criteria as laid down in the Guidelines (Annex, paragraph 2(d)) for the 2014 award would be 1 July 2011-31 December 2012.

In accordance with the Guidelines to be followed for the presentation of the award, I have pleasure in inviting you to submit nominations for this award. The number of nominations that could be submitted by each Permanent Representative should not exceed two papers. The nominations should be submitted together with four copies of the paper in the published form, in one of the WMO working languages, and should be received by the Secretariat on the date indicated above.

Please certify in your letter of submission that the paper fulfils the criteria cited in the Guidelines.

Yours faithfully,


(J. Lengoasa)
for the Secretary-General

To: Permanent Representatives (or Directors of Meteorological or Hydrometeorological Services) of Members of WMO (PR-6676)

cc: Members of the Executive Council Selection Committee)
President of CAgM and vice-president of CAgM) (for information)

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CLPA/AGM/MUMM 2014, ANNEX

GUIDELINES TO BE FOLLOWED FOR THE PRESENTATION OF THE NORBERT GERBIER - MUMM INTERNATIONAL AWARD

1. Purpose

The purpose of the NORBERT GERBIER - MUMM International Award is to encourage and reward annually an original scientific paper on the influence of meteorology in a particular field of the physical, natural or human sciences, or on the influence of one of these sciences on meteorology. The award aims at stimulating interest in such research, in support of WMO Programmes.

2. Criteria to be applied for granting the award

- (a) Each award shall be made for an outstanding research paper in the field defined in paragraph 1 above;
- (b) Only papers which have been published in scientific journals will normally be eligible for consideration; a summary of a successfully defended Ph.D. thesis, however, would also be acceptable;
- (c) Papers published in languages other than the official languages of WMO will be eligible for consideration if accompanied by full translations in one of the working languages of WMO;
- (d) Only papers published during the 18-month period immediately preceding the year when the decision on the award is taken will be eligible for consideration;
- (e) Papers that have previously won an international prize will not be eligible;
- (f) The award may also be shared between co-authors provided the other criteria for granting the award are met.

3. Presentation of nominations

- (a) All Permanent Representatives of Members of WMO are invited to submit nominations during a specified period, in accordance with a schedule established by the Secretary-General;
- (b) Nominations, together with four copies of the paper in a WMO working language (original or translation) and an adequate summary, should be submitted to the Secretary-General;
- (c) The number of nominations submitted by each Permanent Representative should not exceed two.

4. Method of selection

- (a) The president of CAgM, in consultation with the vice-president, should nominate three persons as assessors, who should be distinguished scientists in the field of meteorological applications, who shall not themselves be candidates;

- (b) Each assessor should allot a mark to each paper, which should be a digit in the range 1 (lowest) to 5 (highest) and submit the evaluation to the Secretary-General. The evaluation should be based on the following:

- Significance of topic;
- Novelty of ideas and methods;
- Value of results to WMO Programmes;

with equal weight being assigned to each of these sectors;

- (c) The final selection of the award winner(s) will be made by the Selection Committee, of not more than two members of the Executive Council and ex officio, the president of CAgM. This Committee will be specially constituted for this purpose by the Executive Council for a four-year period;
- (d) The Executive Council Selection Committee may decide not to recommend an award if none of the papers submitted is of a sufficiently high standard.

5. Nature of the award

The award will be presented annually and will consist of a medal bearing a likeness of Mr Norbert Gerbier and a prize total of € 7,600.

6. Ceremony for presentation of the award

The award ceremony shall take place in Geneva during the session of the Executive Council following the session during which the award was considered and decided upon. The arrangements for the presentation will be decided by consultation between the President of WMO and the Secretary-General.
