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Subject: Call for nominations for the Carlos J. Finlay UNESCO Prize for Microbiology

Sir/Madam,

I am pleased to invite your Government to submit nominations for the Carlos J. Finlay UNESCO Prize for Microbiology. The Statutes of the Prize are attached herewith for your kind information.

Funded by the Government of Cuba, the Prize aims to reward the efforts of an individual or institution, or of a non-governmental organization or other entity which, through research and development, has made an outstanding contribution to the field of microbiology (including immunology, molecular biology, genetics, etc.) and its applications.

The candidates should be designated by the governments of Member States, in consultation with their National Commissions for UNESCO, science institutions and associations, and non-governmental organizations in official partnerships with UNESCO and active in relevant fields covered by the Prize. Nominations or applications from individuals will not be accepted.

Nomination for the Prize should be submitted to the UNESCO Director-General at the address indicated hereunder and no later than on 30 July 2017:

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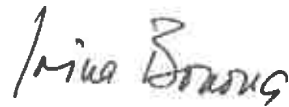
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A written recommendation, which shall include either five hard or five electronic (USB key/CD/DVD) copies, in English or French, of the following items, should accompany the nominations:

- a) a description of the candidate's background and achievements;
- b) a summary of the work or the results of the work, including publications or any other relevant supporting documentation; and,
- c) a definition of the candidate's contribution to the Prize's objective.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Irina Bokova". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Irina Bokova

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cc: National Commissions for UNESCO
Permanent Delegations to UNESCO



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AMENDMENT TO THE REGULATIONS FOR THE AWARD
OF THE CARLOS J. FINLAY PRIZE

SUMMARY

The Director-General submits to the Executive Board for approval some amendments considered necessary to the Regulations governing the award of the Carlos J. Finlay Prize.

1. The Carlos J. Finlay Prize, awarded every second year for an outstanding contribution in the field of microbiology, was established at the request of the Cuban Government. Unesco awarded the Carlos J. Finlay Prize for the first time in 1981.
2. The Director-General, aware of the importance of regular rotation in the membership of the selection panel, thinks it advisable to propose an amendment to paragraph 5 of the Regulations for the Prize.
3. In addition to certain purely formal corrections already inserted, it is suggested that the term of office of each member of the panel be limited to eight years, and that a system be adopted to enable one member to be automatically replaced every two years.

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4. The proposed amendment is as follows:

TEXT IN FORCE

NEW TEXT PROPOSED

5. The panel

All candidatures will be considered and recommended by a panel of four scientists appointed by the Director-General. The panel shall include scientists eminent in academic life and in practice, belonging to various branches of microbiology as well as different regions of the world. One of the members will be a representative of Cuba.

5. The panel

Four eminent microbiologists, including one Cuban, shall be appointed by the Director-General to form a selection panel which shall consider the candidatures for the Prize and make recommendations. The term of office of each member of the panel shall be eight years. On the appointment of the panel in 1988, it shall be determined once and for all by drawing lots which of the members shall serve for two, four, six and eight years respectively. Subsequently, one member shall be replaced every two years. Members shall be eligible for reappointment.

5. The Director-General accordingly submits to the Executive Board for approval the draft amendment to the Regulations for the award of the Carlos J. Finlay Prize, annexed hereto.

6. If the Executive Board agrees to the proposed amendment, it may wish to adopt the following decision:

'The Executive Board,

1. Having examined the document concerning the proposed amendment to the Regulations for the award of the Carlos J. Finlay Prize (130 EX/11),
2. Approves the revised Regulations for the award of the Carlos J. Finlay Prize annexed thereto'.

ANNEX

REVISED REGULATIONS FOR THE AWARD
OF THE CARLOS J. FINLAY PRIZE

1. Purpose

The purpose of the Carlos J. Finlay Prize named after Dr Carlos Juan Finlay (1833-1915), a prominent Cuban scientist, is to promote research and development in the field of microbiology (immunology, molecular biology, genetics, etc.) and its application by rewarding a person or a group of persons for an outstanding contribution in this field.

2. Selection of prize-winner

The recipient of the Prize shall be selected by the Director-General of Unesco, upon recommendation of a panel.

3. Value and periodicity of the Prize

The Prize shall take the form of an honorarium of US \$5,000 with an appropriate medal. The Prize shall be awarded every second year coinciding with the year in which the General Conference of Unesco is held.

4. Eligibility

The candidate may be a person or a group of persons working privately or as members of a staff of a private or governmental organization.

5. The panel

Four eminent microbiologists, including one Cuban, shall be appointed by the Director-General to form a selection panel which shall consider the candidatures for the Prize and make recommendations. The term of office of each member of the panel shall be eight years. On the appointment of the panel in 1988, it shall be determined once and for all by drawing lots which of the members shall serve for two, four, six and eight years respectively. Subsequently, one member shall be replaced every two years. Members shall be eligible for reappointment.

6. Proposal of candidates and presentation of the Prize

- (a) Candidates for the Prize shall be proposed to the Director-General by governments of Member States, in consultation with their National Commissions, and by appropriate non-governmental organizations which have consultative status with Unesco; each government or organization may nominate one candidate.
- (b) Nominations for the Prize shall be accompanied by a biographical statement for each candidate or group of candidates together with a detailed description of the work for which the candidature is put forward.
- (c) The Director-General shall inform the recipient or recipients and shall award the Prize at the time of the General Conference.