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Annex: 1

Sir/Madam,

I have the honour to inform you that the fifty-sixth International Meteorological Organization (IMO) Prize was awarded posthumously to Professor Aksel Wiin-Nielsen (Denmark) at the sixty-third session of the WMO Executive Council (Geneva, June 2011) and to invite WMO Members to submit further nominations for the Prize.

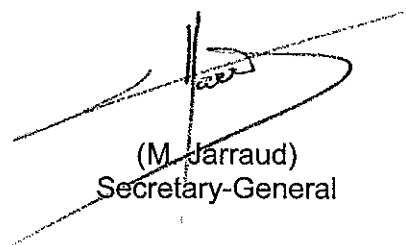
The prestigious IMO Prize is awarded annually to a selected individual for his/her outstanding work in the field of meteorology or in any other field referred to in Article 2 of the WMO Convention. The scientific value of the work and the services rendered at the international level are taken into consideration in choosing the recipient. Detailed information on the Prize and nomination procedures is reproduced in the attached nomination form. I wish to note that candidates cannot be proposed posthumously and that not more than three candidates should be proposed by any Member.

The fifty-seventh IMO Prize will be awarded by the WMO Executive Council in June 2012. I should like to inform you that the fifty-seventh Prize will be the first one in the sixteenth financial period of the Organization (2012-2015). Nominations received after Friday, 15 June 2012 will be not considered for the fifty-seventh Prize but will be retained for subsequent Awards during the same financial period.

Please mark all communications to me on this matter as "Confidential".

A copy of this letter is being sent to the Permanent Representative of your country with
WMO.

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



(M. Jarraud)
Secretary-General

To: Ministers of Foreign Affairs of Member States of the World Meteorological Organization
(WMO-1357)



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 SFR 10000; 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 submitted by a Member for a given Prize should not exceed three. A candidature submitted for a given Prize shall normally be retained on the list of candidates for subsequent Prizes during that financial period.

A candidature 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 names of candidates presented by Members (Minister of Foreign Affairs or the Permanent Representative of the Member country 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 (1-2 pages) of the individual's achievements in the fields for which the award is proposed. Be precise and factual. Please attach a list of publications.

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 2012 to 2015.

Nomination form

Additional copies of the Nomination form for the International Meteorological Organization (IMO) Prize can be obtained from: The Secretary-General
World Meteorological Organization
P.O. Box 2300
1211 Geneva 2 - SWITZERLAND

Deadline for nominations

Nominations for the Fifty-seventh IMO Prize must be received under confidential cover no later than 15 June 2012.

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:

E-mail:

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.*)

