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Annex: 1

Subject: Extension of deadline
Call for nominations for the "Professor Dr Vilho Väisälä Awards" (2012)

Action required: Nominations to be sent to the Secretary-General by **29 February 2012**

Dear Sir/Madam,

With reference to my letter dated 12 August 2011, I would like to inform you that following the request of the president of CIMO, the deadline for submission of nominations for the two Professor Dr Vilho Väisälä Awards has been extended to **29 February 2012**.

The Executive Council, at its thirty-seventh session (EC-XXXVII), established the "Professor Dr Vilho Väisälä Award" for an Outstanding Research Paper on Instruments and Methods of Observation; and, at its fifty-sixth session (EC-LVI), established the "Professor Dr Vilho Väisälä Award" for the Development and Implementation of Instruments and Methods of Observation. Both awards are granted on a biennial basis in connection with the *WMO Technical Conference on Meteorological and Environmental Instruments and Methods of Observation* combined with the *Exhibition of Meteorological Instruments, Equipment and Services (TECO/METEOREX)*, with a cash prize of US\$10,000 for each award. The next selection of winner(s) will be undertaken at the sixty-fourth session of the Executive Council (EC-LXIV) in 2012, according to the guidelines that specify, in particular, the criteria for granting the awards and the methods of submission of nominations. The guidelines are herewith attached for ease of reference.

In this regard, I have the pleasure of inviting you to submit, at your earliest convenience but not later than **29 February 2012**, separate nominations for:

- (a) The twenty-third "Professor Dr VILHO VÄISÄLÄ AWARD for an Outstanding Research Paper on Instruments and Methods of Observation" (2012); and
- (b) The fourth "Professor Dr VILHO VÄISÄLÄ AWARD for the Development and Implementation of the Instruments and Methods of Observation" (2012).

Yours faithfully,

(E. Manaenkova)
for the Secretary-General

To: Permanent Representatives (or Directors of Meteorological or Hydrometeorological Services)
of Members of WMO (PR-6610)

cc: Hydrological Advisers to Permanent Representatives)
President of CIMO) (for information)

EC-LVI

Annex to paragraph 3.2.17 of the general summary

GUIDELINES FOR GRANTING

**The Professor Dr. VILHO VÄISÄLÄ
AWARD for an Outstanding Research
Paper on Instruments and Methods of
Observation**

1. Purpose

The purpose of the Professor Dr. Vilho Väisälä Award for an Outstanding Research Paper on Instruments and Methods of Observation is to encourage and stimulate interest in research in the field of instruments and methods of observation in support of WMO Programmes.

2. Criteria for granting awards

The award shall recognize an outstanding paper published in a scientific journal, or a summary of a successfully defended Ph.D. thesis for:

- (i) the significance of its topic;
- (ii) the novelty of its ideas and methods;
- (iii) the value of its results to WMO programmes.

3. Methods of submission

- (a) The Permanent Representatives of Members of WMO will be invited to submit to the Secretary-General not more than two nominations and the corresponding papers/reports per each award that were published during the 24-month period preceding the year in which the award is made and that have not previously won an international prize; indicating the title of the award for which each submission is being made;
- (b) Papers/reports for each submission shall be in four copies and in a WMO working language (original or translation).

4. Method of selection

- (a) The president of CIMO, in consultation with the vice-president, invites three distinguished scientists in the field of instruments and methods of observation, who would serve as assessors for both awards;

**The Professor Dr. VILHO VÄISÄLÄ
AWARD for the Development and
Implementation of the Instruments and
Methods of Observation**

1. Purpose

The purpose of the Professor Dr. Vilho Väisälä Award for the Development and Implementation of the Instruments and Methods of Observation is to encourage and stimulate the development and implementation of the instruments and methods of observation in support of WMO Programmes.

2. Criteria for granting awards

The award shall be made for an outstanding paper published in a scientific journal, or a significant technical report, a project report or a summary of a successfully defended Ph.D. or MSc. thesis for:

- (i) the significance of its contribution to the long-term stability and reliability of meteorological and related environmental observations;
- (ii) the relevance to the observing networks in developing countries;
- (iii) the value of its results to WMO programmes.

- (b) For each award, each assessor should allot a mark to each paper, which should be in the range 0 (lowest) to 5 (highest) and submit the evaluation to the Secretary-General. The evaluation should be based on the criteria defined above with equal weight being assigned to each of the three criteria mentioned under 2 above;
- (c) The final selection of the award winner, or winners, for each award, is made by the Selection Committee established for this purpose by the Executive Council for a period of four years. The Committee consists of two members and, *ex officio*, the president of CIMO.
- (d) The Executive Council Selection Committee may decide not to recommend an award if the papers/reports submitted are not of a sufficiently high standard.

5. Nature of the award

Each award consists of a diploma, a medal and a sum of US\$ 10,000; the latter could be shared between co-authors. The award is granted on a biennial basis.

6. Award ceremony

The award ceremony shall normally take place during the conjoint WMO Technical Conference on Meteorological and Environmental Instruments and Methods of Observation (TECO) and the Exhibition of Meteorological Instruments Related Equipment and Services (METEOREX).
