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## ANNOUNCEMENT

### Ecology Institute Prizes 1990 in the field of Terrestrial Ecology

#### *Call for nominations*

Every year, the international Institute of Ecology (ECI) selects - in a rotating pattern - prize-winners among marine, terrestrial or limnetic ecologists. In 1990, prize-winners will be selected in the field of terrestrial ecology.

ECI strives to

- further the exchange of information between marine, terrestrial and limnetic ecology
- compensate for the lack of balance between analysing and synthesizing research efforts and thus help to provide more feedback and critical overview for ecological science
- draw the attention of scientists, university teachers, students, administrators, politicians and the general public to important issues resulting from ecological research
- assist in finding a long-term compromise between the increasingly destructive potential of modern industrial societies and the need for defining and applying measures to protect nature, commensurate with achieving and sustaining the highest possible living standard for man.

Taking into account these aims, as well as his/her own field of interest, the winner of the Ecology Institute Prize is requested to author a 200-300 printed page book, to be published by the ECI in the series 'Excellence in Ecology' (EE) and to be made available world-wide at cost price. A considerable number of books are donated to libraries in Developing Countries.

EE's concept is different from that of textbooks. In addition to reviewing a certain field of knowledge, it gives the authors a chance to express their *personal* views on important ecological issues, to interpret current scientific knowledge on the basis of their own experience and insight, and to tell us what, in their opinion, should be done in the future.

The ECI Prize is endowed with a stipend of US\$5000. It gives and takes: it both honours the recipient and also requires him/her to serve science.

Providing adequate nominations are received, a second prize may be awarded honouring a young ecologist who has conducted and published uniquely independent, original and/or challenging research efforts representing an important scientific break-through: the IRPE Prize (International Recognition of Professional Excellence); it is endowed with a stipend of US\$750.

#### *Selection procedure:*

Nominations are welcome from all research ecologists. They should reach the Chairperson of the ECI Jury (see below) before 31 August 1990. All ecologists engaged in scientific research are eligible (except ECI's director and the Jury's chairperson; Jury members nominated will be replaced by other ECI members). The Jury will select the Prize Winner using the nominations received as well as their own knowledge of top performers, and their own professional judgement.

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#### **ECI Terrestrial Jury 1990:**

**Chairman:** J. L. Harper, Cae Groes, Glan-y-Coed Park, Dwygyfylchi, Penmaenmawr, Gwynedd LL34 6TL, UK.

F. S. Chapin, III, Berkeley, USA; J. Ehleringer, Salt Lake City, USA; M. Gadgil, Malleswaram, India; M. Macfaydan, Coleraine, Northern Ireland; S. Ulfstrand, Uppsala, Sweden; E. O. Wilson, Cambridge, USA.