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Dear Colleagues,

Subject: Call for Applications for the ICSU Grants Programme 2010

On behalf of the ICSU Executive Board, I am pleased to inform you of the Call for Applications for the ICSU Grants Programme 2010.

The Programme Statement and Schedule, as well as the Application Form, are available in the Member Zone of the ICSU web site. The deadline for receipt of applications is **1 December 2009**. The ICSU Grants Programme is reserved for ICSU Members and we request that you do not pass the information and the Application Form to individuals or institutions outside the ICSU family.

Please note that Lead Applicants **must** be ICSU Scientific Unions, Interdisciplinary Bodies, or Joint Initiatives, and can be lead on no more than one application.

In addition, applications are **only valid** if they are actively supported by one or more ICSU bodies (i.e., Scientific Unions, Interdisciplinary Bodies, Joint Initiatives, ICSU Regional Offices, ICSU National Scientific Members, or International or National Scientific Associates). The roles of Supporting Applicants and any other partners in preparing and carrying out the proposed work must be made clear in the application.

If you have any questions about the validity of an application, or any questions in general about the Grants Programme, please consult Maureen Brennan at the ICSU Secretariat (maureen@icsu.org) well ahead of the submission deadline.

The total funding available for grants in 2010 is Euro 280,000. To ensure that a reasonable number of grants can be funded in 2010, applications for up to a **maximum of Euro 30,000 will be considered**.

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All applications must be submitted by email to maureen@icsu.org. Only the electronic application format is acceptable and applications received in other formats will not be considered.

A Work Plan of the project, including detailed estimates on the planned use of the ICSU grant, must accompany the Application Form. Applicants are also advised to check that they have met all of the specified requirements prior to formal submission.

The Programme Statement and Schedule (in the ICSU Member Zone) provides guidance on the required focus of proposals. In general, proposals should target themes in the ICSU Strategic Plan 2006-2011. In particular, we encourage applications for collaborative work with the ICSU Regional Offices focusing on their priority areas.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

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