RESEARCH AWARD FOR YOUNG SCHOLARS 2011

The Center on Law and Environment (PDMA) and the International Development Research Centre (IDRC) are co-hosting a Research Awards for Young Scholars, which will take place at the XIV World Water Congress, from 25-29 September, 2011 in Porto de Galinhas, Brazil. PDMA and IDRC invite young researches to submit papers exploring the challenges of innovation in the field of impacts of climate change, in particular on the water sector, including water resources and water services and systems.

AWARDS

Each award is comprised of R$ 3.280,00 (aprox. USD 2.000,00) plus a fully funded trip to the IWRA Congress. For the winning young researchers, the Award comprises:

a. To present the project/innovation/initiative at the Congress, possibly through presentation in a poster session, in a venue yet to be defined;

b. To participate in the Awarding Ceremony to be held during the Congress;

c. To provide IDRC’s Climate Change and Water programming with project documentation and additional graphics (i.e. pictures; audio-visuals or others) related to the project to be disseminated through their channels (IDRC website, youtube, etc).

d. By participating in the Research Award for Young Researchers 2011, the awardees agree that their awarded papers, if published, will be under a Creative Commons Licence by-nc-nd (No Commercial Use – Prohibited Sub products Work 3.0) (available at http://creativecommons.org/licenses/by-nc-nd/3.0/).

SUBJECT MATTER

Papers should demonstrate original thought on one of the suggest themes, which are:

i. Adaptive water management;

ii. Water resources and global change;

iii. Governance and water law; and
iv. Knowledge systems.

Each of these subjects will alter the way water is managed; together, they will require fundamentally new priorities for technology and infrastructure, management and policy, allocation and pricing, laws and institutions, and above all, a new future outlook for water resources professionals.

Within the scope of the proposed themes for the IWRA Conference highlighted above, the Research Awards for Young Scholars is seeking for innovative work addressing the “bottom-up” perspective in the following sense: what innovations that emerge from the bottom generate changes in the relationship between institutions; in resources management; or in regulations? The objective is to explore emerging drivers of water resources management related to climate change such as: local impacts and conflicts related to watershed management; challenges presented by transboundary aquifers underlying different countries or different states of the same country; economic analysis of water management and allocation and energy issues. Specific areas relating to the risks imposed by the impacts of climate change on water management and allocation are:

v. Flooding: environmental refugees in light of water shortage; public policies dealing with disasters resilience due to flooding; incorporation of climate change adaptive measures on watershed management; climate change risk and impact on agriculture;

vi. Droughts and desertification: public policies designed to increase resilience due to water shortage periods; diversion projects (rivers, lakes) in light of climate change;

vii. Access to water: challenges facing sewage policies; quality, sustainability, pricing and equity related to climate change;

viii. Innovation: technological, social and institutional innovations related to climate change

Note that the above highlighted topics are examples of potential links that young scholars can use to connect to the overall framework themes proposed by the IWRA Conference. Research topic must be related to those listed by IWRA Conference’s website: Adaptive water management; Water resources and global change; Governance and water law; and Knowledge systems.

Papers will be evaluated by an independent committee formed by 5 (five) researchers and professor to be selected by the PDMA based on their area of expertise and recognized experience in the related field. The committee will be instructed to evaluate papers based on:

i. Originality;

ii. Contribution to the understanding or development of the theme;
iii. Quality of scholarly work;

iv. Quality and organization of writing.

THE AWARDING PROCESS

PDMA will be in charge of receiving the manuscripts from the candidates for the Research Award for Young Scholars. Prior to receiving the manuscripts, PDMA will select and form a commission comprised of 5 (five) researchers and scholars from FGV, from different universities and research centres in Latin America and the Caribbean region with the sole purpose of guaranteeing expedite, independent, multidisciplinary and reliable review of the proposed papers. The commission will be in charge of referring 8 (eight) research papers for the award. The commission’s recommendation will be then presented to members of PDMA and IDRC, who will then select the 4 (four) Awardees.

The grading proceedings will follow a guideline containing objective criteria to instruct the review committee. Those criteria will be made available shortly after the launch of the Young Research Scholar Award, along with the names of appointed members of the review committee, and will be published in the official websites (PDMA and IDRC).

ELIGIBILITY

Students formally enrolled in any undergraduate or graduate program (masters or doctoral programs) from Universities in the Latin American and Caribbean region will be eligible to participate in the Research Award for Young Scholars. Selected candidates are required to take care in their own of visa requirements to enter Brazil and be able to demonstrate that are formally enrolled in a university program in order to be eligible for receiving the award.

TIMING

- **10 May 2011:** Opening date for the public call for papers.
- **27 June 2011:** Deadline for submissions.
- **1 August 2011:** Announcement of awarded candidates.

Submissions must be made by email attachment in Microsoft Word format, with the cover page as a separate attachment.

Email entries and questions shall be addressed by e-mail to the following address: mariana.barbosa@fgv.br. Entries will be acknowledged by email.

SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS
**Presentation Form.** Papers will be presented in an IDRC exclusive booth at the Congress. Awardees will be formally announced during a special cocktail reception. Posters and other visual ways to communicate the work of the Awardees will be expected to be presented at IDRC’s exclusive booth and at the cocktail reception.

Considering the planned format for presentation and because a written presentation plan is part of the evaluation set of criteria, participants are strongly encouraged to be creative and innovative in planning and preparing the presentation. Some creative examples of how to present the work include, but are not limited to: use of posters, videos, mock-ups, animated powerpoints, etc.

The selected papers will be considered for a special publication volume.

**Cover page.** This separate page must include the following information:

- Title;
- Author’s name, occupation. (to facilitate impartial judging, the author’s name must NOT appear anywhere in the essay, other than on the cover page);
- Author’s mailing address, email address, and phone number (IMPORTANT: indicate effective dates for any contact information subject to change);
- Abstract (limited to 100 words) describing the piece; and
- Certification that the article has not been published and is not slated for future publication (while authors may submit their articles to other competitions, acceptance for publication elsewhere will disqualify an entry from further consideration).

**Format**

Papers can be written in Portuguese, Spanish or English. Submissions may be of 15-20 pages (including footnotes), in a 1.5 line spacing with Times New Roman 12. Footnotes should follow the Chicago Manual of Style Citation, available at [http://www.chicagomanualofstyle.org/home.html](http://www.chicagomanualofstyle.org/home.html).