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**WEEK OF EXCELLENCE OF SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH  
AND INNOVATION IN CAMEROON (JERSIC 2009)**

**LAUNCHING OF THE COMPETITION  
FOR THE PRESIDENT'S SPECIAL AWARD**

**CALL FOR CONTESTANTS**

**PREAMBLE**

The Minister of Scientific Research and Innovation (MINRESI) organizes from 26 to 30 October 2009 in Yaounde, the second edition of the Excellence Week of Scientific Research and Innovation in Cameroon (JERSIC 2009). The organization of this "Week of Excellence" is part of MINRESI's missions, pursuant to Decree no. 2005/091 of 29 March 2005, by which it has to (i) prompt, coordinate and control scientific research activities in Cameroon; and (ii) valorise, vulgarise and utilize research findings in permanent conjunction with all sectors of the national economy and ministries as well as interested organizations.

The aim, like of the first edition, is to give a wider exposure to scientific research in order to increasingly position the latter as prompter of social and economic transformations with a view to stimulating growth and employment and substantially alleviating poverty in the endeavour to sustainedly develop Cameroon.

JERSIC 2009, with overall theme "The Cameroonian Diaspora, Science and Sustainable Development" is a forum for brainstorming, exchange, sharing and discussion of the issue of sustainable development in conjunction with the ensemble of scientific research partners, operating within or without Cameroon, on subjects that the Head of State, President of the Republic, His Excellency Paul Biya, considered national priority domains of the day, namely, (i) renewable energies; (ii) climate change; (iii) biotechnologies and bio-security; (iv) traditional pharmacopoeia; (v) mineral natural resources; (vi) migrations and development.

Moreover, this 'Week of Excellence' is a suitable manifesto for valorising national scientific research and encouraging the most deserving researchers. On this last subject and particularly with the aim of promoting scientific and technological excellence as well as encouraging innovation, a special prize of the President of the Republic puts the entire national scientific research community (researchers of government and private institutes, independent researchers, etc) in competition with the aim of rewarding relevance of Cameroonian research works on the dual score of advancing science and technological development and contributing to sustainable development.

## **REQUIREMENTS FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE BEST JUNIOR RESEARCHER CONTEST**

The contest is open to junior researchers (individuals or group) operating within one of MINRESI's research institutes.

Candidates must :

- be Cameroonian without any sex discrimination;
- have carried out research in Cameroon and on subjects relevant to Cameroon.

Age groups: men  $\leq$  35 years on 31 December 2009  
women  $\leq$  40 years on 31 December 2009

## **REQUIREMENTS FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE BEST SENIOR RESEARCHER CONTEST**

The contest is open to senior researchers (individual or group) operating within one of MINRESI's research institutes.

Candidates must :

- be Cameroonian without any sex discrimination;
- have carried out research in Cameroon and on subjects relevant to Cameroon;

Age groups: men  $\leq$  35 years on 1 January 2009  
women  $\leq$  40 years on 1 January 2009

## **RELEVANT RESEARCH DOMAINS**

Only original and pertinent research works in the following domains shall compete, these are:

- Agriculture and Forestry;
- Medical Sciences;
- Social and Humanistic Sciences;
- Geographic and Development Sciences;
- Geological Sciences;
- Engineering and Local Materials.

## **APPLICATION FILE**

Candidates for this prize are expected to submit the following documents:

- Candidate's Research Institute;
- Detailed CV of candidate(s);
- Title of research work presented for the prize;
- Research domain;
- Specialization(s);
- Summary of works (in French and English, maximum of 4 pages per language; font: *Times New Roman*, size 12, interline spacing 1.5, all round margin 2.5);
- Sponsors;
- Scientific partners and their complete address;

- Supervision (names of researchers and students supervised, titles of works/projects, justification);
- Publications (isolated from scientific revues, manuals, patents, posters, samples/specimen, research reports, audiovisual media submitted for the prize);
- Contribution of findings to growth and sustainable development;
- Prospects.

*NB: For team work, isolate the individual contribution of each member, and have it confirmed by the entire group of contributors. Give the complete address of the main researcher.*

## **FILE ASSESSMENT**

Application files shall be assessed and pre-selected on grounds of the best file/domain by independent sub-committees, specialized according to the six research domains considered for the competition.

### **Assessment Criteria**

- Relevance of subject with respect to the overall or sectoral themes of JERSIC 2009;
- Originality and innovative character of the research work;
- Aptitude in the search for funding;
- Aptitude in the search for partners;
- Respect for the scientific ethos;
- Supervision;
- Contribution to the advancement of science;
- Contribution to growth and sustainable development.

Depending on the specificity of specialties, preference shall be given during assessment, to scientific works carried out in the last five years prior to the organization of JERSIC 2009.

## **ADMISSIBILITY PERIOD**

All application files should be sent to the scientific committee in electronic form (soft copy) through [comsci\\_minresijersic2009@yahoo.fr](mailto:comsci_minresijersic2009@yahoo.fr). Hard copies, constituting material proofs of the research accomplished (isolated from scientific revues, manuals, patents, posters, samples/specimen, research reports, audiovisual media submitted for the prize) shall be submitted directly to the Technical Adviser No.1, MINRESI. Files should reach the scientific committee latest 10 October 2009 at 3:30 p.m.