



INTERNATIONAL YOUNG CONSERVATIONIST AWARD ORGANISING COMMITTEE 2012 - 2013 TERMS OF REFERENCE

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1.0 Name of Committee

International Young Conservationist Award Organising Committee (YCA Committee)

2.0 Background (see Appendix 1 for definitions)

The International Young Conservationist Award is a joint initiative of the International Ranger Federation and the International Union for the Conservation of Nature - World Commission on Protected Areas (IUCN-IUCN/WCPA). It was established in 2003.

The award aims to recognise and raise awareness of the outstanding contributions made by young people to the conservation of protected areas; it honours their efforts and their passion, dedication and commitment. It also seeks to encourage young professionals and to help them develop networks by presenting the award at one of the global conservation events held in the year of the award. Recipients of the award are invited to join the IUCN WCPA and are invited to be on the IRF's mailing list.

It is also a way for the International Ranger Federation to fulfil its mission of raising the profile of rangers and field conservationists globally.

Nominations

Nominations are invited for/from young people (under the age of 35) actively working to protect and manage protected areas, such as rangers, interpreters, people working with local communities, and scientists. It may include people working for government agencies, the private sector, non-government organizations, local communities, etc. Their work must be innovative and demonstrate leadership and a passion, dedication and commitment to protected areas. Nominations are encouraged from individuals who are familiar with the accomplishments of the nominee. The nominee may also self-nominate with strong letters of reference.

The recipient is selected based on responses to a series of questions designed to give the nominator or the candidate an opportunity to describe the candidate's qualifications, work and the scale and impact of their contribution to protected areas.

To submit a nomination, click on www.internationalranger.org where you will be directed through the online nomination process.

1. Nominations consists of –

I. An online questionnaire

Nominator:

- Full Name
- Date of Birth

- Country of employment
- Employee
- Current Position

Name of Nominee

- Full Name
- Date of Birth
- Country of employment
- Employee
- Current Position

II. Application (answers are limited to 200 words):

1. Describe the nominee's contribution to protected area management? (200 words)
2. Qualify the impacts of the nominee's efforts in the management of protected areas? In particular, describe the scale, extent, magnitude and impact of their contribution;
3. What makes the nominee's work innovative; and
4. Detail the challenges the nominee has faced in their work in order to have achieved their stated conservation impact?

III. Required Supporting Documentation (in .pdf format only)

- Upload a brief Curriculum Vitae of the nominee (maximum of two pages)
- Submit letters of reference for the nominee (three reference letters are to be supplied which must address the awards focus as outlined in the application form above).

Nominations are requested to be submitted in English.

Closing Date for nominations will be 20 August 2014.

If you require assistance with this, please contact the YCA Committee secretary@internationalrangers.org or executivepa@internationalrangers.org

The award has been presented four times.

YEAR	RECIPIENT	COUNTRY	CONFERENCE
2013			
2012			
2011	Hector Caymaris	Uruguay	George Wright Society Conference – United States
2010	Alasdair Harris	Scotland	Healthy Parks Healthy People Congress – Australia
2008	Edwin Sabuhor	Rwanda	IUCN World Conservation Congress – Spain
2006	Christian Teran	Ecuador	IRF World Ranger Congress – Scotland

The winning nomination will receive funds to meet the reasonable travel and accommodation costs for the award recipient to attend the IUCN World Parks Congress 2014 to receive their award at a dedicated ceremony.

3.0 Adjudication Committee

The IRF has established a YCA Committee and a YCA Selection Panel. The role of the YCA Committee is to organise the award and to review all nominations and identify the top tier; the Selection Panel is responsible for selecting the award recipient. The IRF President, the IUCN/WCPA Chair and the Chair of the YCA Committee make up the Selection Panel. It must be noted that the committee's decision is final.

Purpose

The purpose of the YCA Committee is to;

1. annually evaluate the process for organising and running the International Young Conservationist Award and review and revise as necessary; and
2. run the 2014 award.

APPENDIX 1 DEFINITIONS

International Executive Committee

www.int-ranger.net

the executive authority of the International Ranger Federation, consisting of the International Officers (President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary) and one representative from each of the 7 Regions (Africa, Asia, Central America, Europe, North America, Oceania and South America).

International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN)

www.iucn.org

The world's oldest and largest global environmental network - a democratic membership union with more than 1,000 government and NGO member organizations, and almost 11,000 volunteer scientists in more than 160 countries.

It helps the world find pragmatic solutions to our most pressing environment and development challenges. It supports scientific research, manages field projects all over the world and brings governments, non-government organizations, United Nations agencies, companies and local communities together to develop and implement policy, laws and best practice.

International Union for Conservation of Nature World Commission on Protected Areas IUCN IUCN/WCPA

www.iucn.org/about/union/commissions/IUCN/WCPA/

One of the six Commissions of the IUCN. It is the world's premier network of protected area expertise with over 1400 members in 140 countries. It promotes the establishment and effective management of the world-wide representative network of terrestrial and marine protected areas.

International Young Conservationist Award Organising Committee

Nominated members of the IRF and the IUCN/WCPA responsible for developing and implementing the framework for the organisation and running of the annual IRF – IUCN IUCN/WCPA International Young Conservationist Award.

International Young Conservationist Award Selection Panel

The group responsible for the selection of the Young Conservationist Award recipient; the President of the IRF, the Chair of the IUCN IUCN/WCPA and the Chair of the YCA Committee make up this Panel.