



SRI LANKA ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF SCIENCE ENVIRONMENT AWARDS – 2008

Sri Lanka Association for the Advancement of Science (SLAAS) is pleased to announce and invite nominations for the Environmental Awards for the year 2008. The purpose of the Environment Awards is to recognize and promote the efforts by Sri Lankan individuals, groups and institutions on Environmental Research, Education, Management, Capacity Building and Knowledge Sharing leading to the Sustainable Development in Sri Lanka.

ELIGIBILITY

The Environment Awards of SLAAS in year 2008 are open to school children, professionals and institutions in the public and private sectors. Contributions towards effective sustainable management of the environment will be the broader framework and a number of illustrative areas are listed below.

ILLUSTRATIVE AREAS

- Public awareness, educational tools, capacity building and resource mobilization
- Development and use of strategic environment assessments
- Combating deforestation and desertification
- Climate change impacts and adaptation techniques
- Characterization and protection of endangered species and habitats
- Estimation and prevention of industrial pollution
- Methods to use and benefit from natural resources
- Sustainable livelihoods based on natural resources including ecotourism
- Building and landscape designs to promote conservation
- Improving planning policy and legal environment
- Waste minimization and cleaner production
- Noise pollution
- Innovative solid and liquid waste management methods
- Protection and innovative use of wetlands
- Improvement of the quality and quantity of water resources
- Water purification techniques
- Energy efficiency and renewable energy
- Economics of poor environmental management
- Modeling of environmental processes and impact of practices
- Community based environmental projects

APPLICATION SUBMISSION PROCEDURE

The application should include:

- Names of the authors but no more than 5 authors for a project.
- A summary description not exceeding 500 words AND a full report of the project.
- Names of two referees who are very familiar with the work carried out
- Any other information and references which will enable the judges to readily verify the authenticity of the contributions
- Brief bio-data of the applicant/s
- Cover letter. If the work submitted has been carried out by a group/organization, but the application is by an individual the cover letter should include the authorization by the institution stating its willingness for the applicant to submit the contribution and receive the award personally or on behalf of the institution.

Where appropriate, photographs, maps, illustrations, documentation and description of related work carried out earlier by the candidate may be annexed. The application may be in Sinhala, Tamil or English. Duly perfected application, in the prescribed form, along with all the required reports / details and supporting documents should reach the **Hony. Secretary, Environment Committee, SLAAS, 120/10, Wijerama Mawatha, Colombo 7** not later than **30th September, 2008**.

Please write on the top-left hand corner of the envelop “**Environment Awards – 2008**”.

SELECTION

Selection for the awards will be based on the following criteria. Submissions will be evaluated by a panel appointed by the Environment committee of SLAAS.

- Clear identification of the environment problem
- Methodology or approach adopted
- Presentation of the findings
- Innovation and value addition to existing knowledge
- Relevance to the sustainable development of Sri Lanka and
- Articulation of the benefits of the contribution to the science and development

SLAAS expect that the awards will be made on high quality submissions, therefore, reserve the rights not to award any if the quality of submissions does not demonstrate the expected quality.

The decision of the Council of the SLAAS shall be the final.

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

Awards will be presented at the Annual Sessions of the Sri Lanka Association for the Advancement of Science in December 2008.

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