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**REPORT BY THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL
ON THE OVERALL REVIEW OF UNESCO PRIZES**

Overview of UNESCO Prizes

SUMMARY

This document contains the summary list of all UNESCO Prizes together with detailed information about the background/establishment, frequency, value and administrative costs for each Prize, as of 20 January 2005. This information document should be read in conjunction with the Report by the Director-General on the Overall Review of UNESCO Prizes (171 EX/19).

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International Reading Association Literacy Award (for Meritorious Work on Literacy)/UNESCO	\$15,000	1979	Annual	1	Literacy in lifelong education	Worldwide	International Reading Assn. Literacy Award USA	107 EX/Decision 4.2.4 164 EX/Decision 5.3	442/TNT/1012 Funds received: \$250,000 Apvded bdtget: \$230,256 \$20,000/year (received under the same extrabudgetary code)	None	Prizewinner is designated by the Director-General on the recommendation of the jury.	The jury is composed of at least five women and men renowned in the field of literacy from different nationalities appointed by the Director-General for a period of three years. A staff member of UNESCO may be appointed by the Director-General to serve as secretary of the jury.	Staff costs: \$5,658.67 Support costs: none	Silver medal and diploma
King Sejong Literacy Prize/UNESCO	\$30,000	1990	Annual	2	Literacy and mother tongue development	Worldwide	Government of the Republic of Korea	131 EX/Decision 5.2.8 164 EX/Decision 5.3	442/INT/1010 Funds received: \$482,000 Apvded bdtget: \$483,328 \$38,000/year (received under the same extrabudgetary code)	None	Prizewinners are designated by the Director-General on the recommendation of the jury.	The jury is composed of at least five women and men renowned in the field of literacy from different nationalities appointed by the Director-General for a period of three years. A staff member of UNESCO may be appointed by the Director-General to serve as secretary of the jury.	Staff costs: \$39,836.66 Support costs: none	Silver medal and diploma
Emir Jaber al-Ahmad al-Sabah Prize for Research and Training in Special Needs Education for the Mentally Disabled	\$40,000	2002	Biennial	2	Special needs education for children with mental retardation	1 winner from Arab State, 1 from a non-Arab State	Government of Kuwait	164 EX/Decision 3.2.4	444GLO1000 Funds received: \$540,000		Prizewinners are designated by the Director-General on the recommendation of the jury.	The jury is to consist of at least five members, of different nationalities and having the requisite specialization and experience in the field; to be appointed by the Director-General for a term of four years, and may be reappointed.	No action has been taken	Diploma and a cheque with the prize amount

Inactive Prizes: (1) Noma Prize (for Meritorious Work in Literacy)/UNESCO; (2) Malcolm Adiseshiah International Literacy Prize; (3) Nessim Habib Prize/UNESCO

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Kalinga Prize for the Popularization of Science/ UNESCO	£2,000 + \$2,000 honorarium for chair	1951	Annual	1	Popularization of science		Mr Bijoyanand Patnaik, Founder, President of Kalinga Foundation Trust, India	114 EX/Decision 5.3.2	UK £2,000	\$5,000	NatCom nominates one candidate, submitting application to UNESCO Science Prizes Organizer.	Four-member international jury, one must be from India; all appointed by the Director-General.	\$4,500	Chair Ruchi Ram Sahni gives \$2,000 honorarium to the winner
UNESCO Science Prize	\$15,000	1968	Biennial	1	Application of S/T to developing State/region		UNESCO	113 EX/Decision 5.3.1		\$20,000	NatCom nominates one candidate, submitting application to UNESCO Science Prizes Organizer.	Six-member international jury; appointed by the Director-General.	\$2,250	
Carlos J. Finlay Prize (for Meritorious Work in Microbiology)	\$5,000	1980	Biennial	1 or 2	Microbiology		Cuba - Dr Carlos Juan Finlay, Cuban scientist	102 EX/Decision 5.3.2	\$5,000	\$5,000	NatCom nominates one candidate, submitting application to UNESCO Science Prizes Organizer.	Four-member international jury, one must be from Cuba; all appointed by the Director-General.	\$2,250	
Javed Husain Prize for Young Scientists/ UNESCO	\$8,000	1987	Biennial	1	Research		Interest on donation by individual(s)	120 EX/Decision 5.6.1	Capital \$102,764 (427/INT/40) \$8,227 (half of interest earned during biennium)	\$5,000	NatCom nominates one candidate and submits his/her application to UNESCO Science Prizes Organizer.	Six-member international jury; appointed by the Director-General.	\$2,250	The sustainability of the Prize.
Sultan Qaboos Prize for Environmental Preservation/ UNESCO	\$20,000 Amount varies with interest earned on capital endowment	1991	Biennial	Fixed total prize	Preservation and management of the environment	International	Interest on donation of \$250,000 by Sultan Qaboos Bin Said of Oman	132 EX/Decision 5.6.1	Capital \$250,000 (443/INT/40) \$20,000 (80% of interest earned during biennium, plus 80% of unspent balance of interest left over from previous biennium)	0	NatCom nominates one candidate and submits application to UNESCO Science Prizes Organizer. International organizations, including NGOs, can also nominate one candidate each.	Bureau of the MAB Council	\$2,250	Present low interest rate is a concern.

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L'Oréal-UNESCO Awards "For Women in Science"	\$100,000 x 5	1998	Annual	5	Promotes contribution and role of women in science	International	L'OREAL	165 EX/Decision 9.4	0	0	NatCom and sponsors (eminent scientists)	One international jury in life sciences, chaired by Prof. Christian de Duve, Nobel Prize in Medicine 1971 and one in material sciences, chaired by Prof. Pierre-Gilles de Gennes, Nobel Prize in Physics 1991 (around 13-15 members per jury).	\$5,000	15 L'OREAL-UNESCO Fellowships of \$20,000 also awarded.
Great Man-Made River International Water Prize	\$20,000	1999	Biennial	1	Water resources in arid, semi-arid areas	International	Interest on donation by Great Man-Made River Authority, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	157 EX/44, 157 EX/50, 157 EX/Decision 3.3.2	Capital \$350,000 (427 INT 204)		NatCom/Perm Del nominates one candidate, and submits application to UNESCO Science Prizes Organizer.	Seven-member international jury; appointed by the Director-General.		
Inactive Prize: UNESCO-ROSTSCA Awards for Young Scientists														

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UNESCO Prize for Architecture	\$7,000	1969	Triennial	1	Promotes sociocultural diversity, urbanization trends in architecture.		Regular programme	83 EX/Decision 4.3.2 General Conference		\$7,000	International competition in architecture	Jury composed of members of UIA international board and UNESCO.	Five days of P-4	This Prize is organized for each World Congress of Architects by the UIA.
UNESCO Prize for Human Rights Education	\$10,000	1978	Biennial		Institutions, organizations or persons having made a particularly efficient, exemplary and genuine contribution to the advancement of knowledge or human rights.		Regular programme	104 EX/Decision 5.4.1 112 EX/Decision 4.4.1 146 EX/Decision 5.4.4		2004-2005: \$10,000 for prize; \$50,000 operational costs: jury meeting, award ceremony, leaflets, etc.	Nominations by: (a) Member States; (b) intergovernmental organizations; (c) non-governmental international organizations maintaining official relations with UNESCO; (d) institutions of human rights teaching and training through their National Commission for UNESCO.	International jury composed of six personalities with recognized reputation in the field of human rights representing the different regions of the world; nominated by the Director-General for four years with a possibility for extension.	Secretary of the Prize, P-5 (Chief, SHS/HRS/HRD), approximately 10%; assisted by P-2 (SHS/HRS/HRD) approximately 15%	Only international prize aiming to create a universal culture of human rights. Awarded primarily for advocacy and research. Visibility has increased in last three rounds by holding ceremonies in home countries of the prizewinners. Suggested modification in regulations: obsolete provisions (provisions re: NGOs in Art. 7) and possible renaming to reflect significance for building a universal culture of human rights (modifications to Arts. 1 and 6).
UNESCO Prize for Peace Education	Amount depends on interest accrued (i.e. \$60,000 in 1981; \$30,000 in 2003)	1981	Annual	Individual or group	Promotion of peace		The Nippon Foundation (formerly the Japan Ship-building Industry Foundation) (\$1,000,000 donation)	110 EX/34 (26 Nov 1980) and 130 EX/Decision 5.4.4	Capital \$1,000,000 (418/INT/55). Now: 418 INT 3055. Covers organizational costs; call for nominations; jury meeting; award ceremony; prize amount; publication and distribution.		Member States, Associate Members of UNESCO, IGOs and NGOs maintaining official relations with UNESCO present their nominations (upon Director-General and ADG/ERC invitation via a CL).	Jury (composed of eminent personalities from different regions of the world, appointed by the Director-General for a three-year mandate) meets in Paris every year to examine the nominations submitted to the Prize and make proposals to the Director-General concerning the selection of the laureate.	P-2 (60%) P-5 (5%) launching circular letter calling for nominations; organization of jury meeting; organization of preparation of publication in English and French.	On suggestion of the 2004 Prize International Jury, proposals were made to amend the Rules and Regulations of the Prize. Accepted by Director-General, to be submitted at 171st session of Executive Board. (1) Prize be awarded only once per biennium to: (a) decrease cost and workload of the Prize Secretariat; (b) increase Prize amount, presently \$30,000, by reducing the running costs, one Jury meeting and one award ceremony rather than two; one publication per biennium, etc.
UNESCO Prize for Landscape Architecture	\$3,500	1989	Annual	1	Student prize. Aims to create curricula in landscape architecture worldwide.		Regular programme	General Conference		\$3,500	International Landscape Architecture Competition	Selection by International Members of IFLA and UNESCO	Four days of P-4	This international competition enhances the importance of training professionals of sustainable environment taking into account natural and sociocultural components.
Felix Houphouet-Boigny Peace Prize/UNESCO	\$122,000	1991	annual				H-B Foundation; Presidency of Cote d'Ivoire	134 EX/ Decision 4.4.1 144 EX/ Decision 4.3.2	Initial capital: 40 million FF interest accruing from fund + \$500,000/year during four years from Cote d'Ivoire (441/GLO/56)				\$300,000/year from extrabudgetary funds, plus part of the staff costs of the CRP United financed by regular programme 1996:#323,482 1997:\$276,723	Prize has own Secretariat
UNESCO-Madanjeet Singh Prize for the Promotion of Tolerance and Non-Violence	\$100,000	1995	Biennial		Rewards institutions, organizations or persons who have promoted a spirit of tolerance and non-violence in the field of science, the arts, culture, education or communication.		Mr Madanjeet Singh	146 EX/Decision 5.4.3 164 EX/Decision 3.4.3	Award initially \$40,000. In 2002, the amount of the Prize was increased to \$100,000 (164 EX/17).	Biennium 23213401HRS... \$20,000 23213402HRS... \$20,000	Director-General chooses laureate on jury recommendation. Nominations to Director-General by Member States, IGOs and NGOs with consultative and mutual information relations with UNESCO; eminent persons considered competent by Director-General in the field of tolerance and non-violence.	Jury of five eminent persons of different nationalities and from different regions of the world; appointed by the Director-General for a period of four years.	Secretary of the Prize (P-5); professional assistance (P-2); secretarial assistance (GS-5).	Set up initially at the level of \$40,000 in 2002, on the proposal of Mr Singh, the amount of the Prize was increased by the Executive Board to \$100,000 (164 EX/17). Every two years, before 31 October, the donor shall pay the amount of the prize into a special UNESCO account.
The Avicenna Prize for Ethics in Science	\$10,000	2002	biennial	1	To reward the activities of individuals and groups in the field of ethics in science		Islamic Republic of Iran	165 EX/Decision 3.4.5 166 EX/Decision 3.3.1		\$20,000 per biennium (starting in 2004-2005 biennium)	When the Secretariat has received the funds, Director-General invites nominations from Member States and from NGOs maintaining official relations with UNESCO. Each Member State and NGO may designate one candidate.	Three-member jury of different nationalities, appointed by the Director-General from COMEST, taking into account the renewal of COMEST members. The jury adopts its own working procedures and is assisted by a member of the Secretariat designated by the Director-General.	Secretary of the Prize D-1, assisted by (1) P-4 and (1) P-1/P-2.	Operating costs of \$40,000 shared by Islamic Republic of Iran and UNESCO.

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UNESCO - International Music Council Music Prize	\$5,000	1975	Annual	1 or 2 by category	Reward musicians or musical institution whose works or activities have contributed to the enrichment and development of music, having served peace and understanding between people and international cooperation.	International	International Music Council (IMC), Town of Aachen	104 EX/Decision 5.5.5	\$5,000		Winners to be selected among artists participating in an international musical contest organized in the framework of the Prize.	The composition of an international jury is submitted to the Director-General by IMC.	All supported by IMC	
International Simon Bolivar Prize/UNESCO	\$25,000 interest accruing from special account funded by Venezuela	1978	Biennial	1 or several people/ institution	Reward an intellectual or artistic activity, which, in conformity with the ideals of S. Bolivar, contributed to freedom, independence and dignity of people as well as reinforcement of solidarity among nations.	International	Government of Venezuela	105 EX/Decision 5.5.4 130 EX/Decision 5.4.4	Actual capital of \$178,414		Winners to be selected by the international jury among candidates presented by Member States or Associated with UNESCO, by IO, NGO.	Seven-member jury: five eminent specialists from different regions of the world appointed in a personal and honorary capacity by the Director-General for four years, one representative appointed by the Government of Venezuela and one representative of the Director-General.		
UNESCO Crafts Prize	\$10,000	1990	Biennial	4 areas (AFR, LAC, APA, ARB)	Reward efforts of craftspeople who contributed to creation of original models in their respective trades.	Regional	Programme	134 EX/Decision 4.3.1		\$40,000 every two years	Winners to be selected during the exhibition from an international panel.	Three eminent persons renowned for their knowledge of crafts/arts, selected in regional exhibition. Panel appointed by the Director-General for duration of exhibition.	One staff member (CLT/ACE) in cooperation with field office	
UNESCO Prize for the Promotion of the Arts	\$20,000 x 5	1992	Biennial	5	Award in recognition of outstanding creative achievement by young artists in the field of visual/performing arts.	International and regional	Exact sums to be decided each time on basis of amount available from interest from Higashiyama Fund, managed by NFUAJ.	152 EX/Decision 3.7.2	Capital is not managed by UNESCO. 80% of interest accruing from \$1.5 million are transferred to UNESCO to fund the award.		Winners selected from artists participating in international, regional and interregional cultural and artistic events in framework chosen by the Director-General for award. Jury selects winners.	Seven-member international jury appointed by mutual agreement between the Director-General and organizers = five eminent specialists in visual/performing arts/new technologies, one representative of the NFUAJ, one representative of the Director-General for visual/performing arts.	Two staff members (one P and one G - CLT/ACE)	

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Mercouri Cultural Landscapes	\$20,000	1995	Biennial (coincides with General Conference)	1	Outstanding actions to safeguard and enhance world's major cultural landscapes.		\$20,000 Greece and contribution of UNESCO \$20,000 for organizational costs.	146 EX/Decision 5.5.1	\$20,000	\$20,000	Candidates presented by Member States or NGOs having official relations with UNESCO. Winners selected by the Director-General on recommendation of jury	Five-member jury = three eminent specialists in environmental sciences and heritage appointed in a personal and honorary capacity by the Director-General, the Permanent Delegate of Greece to UNESCO and one representative of the Director-General.	Two staff members (one P and one G - CLT/CH)	
International José Martí Prize	\$5,000	1995	Biennial	1	Rewards an activity, which, in conformity with the ideals of J. Martí, contributed to freedom, unity and integration of Latin American and Caribbean countries and to the preservation of their identities.		Government of Cuba	145 EX/Decision 5.5.4	\$5,000		Candidates to be presented to Director-General by Member States, or NGOs having official relations with UNESCO (1 candidate per MS or NGO). Winners to be selected by Director-General on recommendation of international jury.	International jury of seven members: five eminent specialists appointed in a personal and honorary capacity by the Director-General for four years, one representative appointed by the Government of Cuba and one representative of the Director-General.		
Design 21 Competition	\$10,000 + (\$3,000 x 3)	1995	Biennial	Upon decision of the donor (for 2004-2005: 4)	Rewards young designers.		Felissimo Corp. Japan		Felissimo decides each year (2004-2005: \$225,500).		Winners selected by the Jury.	Ten-member jury (specialists in design) designated by the Director-General.	One staff member + one supernumerary (six months)	
UNESCO Digital Arts Award	\$10,000	1996	Annual	1	Award in recognition of outstanding creative achievement by young artists in the field of digital arts.		Exact sums to be decided each time on basis of amount available from interest from Higashiyama Fund, managed by NFUAJ.		Capital is not managed by UNESCO. 80% of interest accruing from \$1.5 million are transferred to UNESCO to fund the award.		Winners selected from artists participating in international, regional and interregional cultural and artistic events in framework chosen by Director-General for award. Jury selects winners.	Seven members from different regions, appointed by the Director-General and event organizers. Five should be eminent specialists in the visual/performing arts/new technologies, one should represent NFUAJ and one should represent the Director-General.	CLT/ACE	Part of Promotion of the Arts Prize

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Special Crafts Prize "Iron Roads in Africa - SIAO 2000"	\$5,000	2000	Biennial	1	Rewards crafts creation related to <i>on Iron Roads</i> .					\$5,000	Committee preselects candidates.	National jury set up by NatCom; Award at a regional level (Ouagadougou).		Part of the UNESCO Crafts Prize; medal given.
Sheikh Zayed Bin Sultan Al Nahyan Prize	\$150,000 (of which \$10,000 go to costs)	2001	Biennial	2	Rewards organization working to safeguard, protect and promote UNESCO's proclaimed Masterpieces of Oral and Intangible Heritage.		United Arab Emirates	161 EX/Decision 3.4.3	\$150,000		Winners to be selected by Director-General on recommendation of international jury.	Five to 12 members of different nationalities appointed by the Director-General for two years. Designation of members upon consultation of Member States respecting geographical balance.	One staff member (CLT/CH)	
Samarkand Taronasi Prize	\$3,000	2001	Biennial	1	Rewards organization working to safeguard, protect and promote UNESCO's proclaimed Masterpieces of Oral and Intangible Heritage.		Uzbekistan	161 EX/Decision 3.4.3	\$3,000		Winners to be selected by Director-General on recommendation of international jury.	Five to 12 members of different nationalities appointed by the Director-General for two years. Designation of members upon consultation of Member States respecting geographical balance.	One staff member (CLT/CH)	
Arirang Prize	\$30,000 x 2	2002	Biennial	2	Reward organization working to safeguard, protect and promote UNESCO's proclaimed Masterpieces of Oral and Intangible Heritage.		Republic of Korea	161 EX/Decision 3.4.3	\$60,000		Winners to be selected by Director-General on recommendation of international jury.	Five to 12 members of different nationalities appointed by the Director-General for two years. Designation of members upon consultation of Member States respecting geographical balance.	One staff member (CLT/CH)	
Inactive Prizes: (1) UNESCO Prize for Children's and Young People's Literature in the Service of Tolerance; (2) UNESCO/Francoise Gallimard Prize for Young Writers Expressing the Tensions and Hopes of Our Time; (3) Pacha Prize														

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IPDC-UNESCO Prize for Rural Communication	\$20,000	1985	Biennial	12	Promotes awareness of the role that communication plays in the development process and draws attention to meritorious and innovative activities with a view to improving communication in all its forms.		Programme	120 EX/Decision 5.4.1		\$20,000	Circular letter sent to all National Commissions and NGOs working in field of communication.	Members of IPDC Bureau act as Jury for the Prize.	Within IPDC Secretariat	Cheque and diploma.
UNESCO/Guillermo Cano World Press Freedom Prize	\$25,000	1997	Annual	8	The Prize is intended to honour a person, organization or institution that has made a notable contribution to the defence and/or promotion of press freedom anywhere in the world, especially if this involved risk.	Worldwide	\$12,500 Cano Foundation may receive other contributions.	151 EX/Decision 3.4.2	No capital. Annual contribution of \$12,500 by the Cano Foundation, plus other voluntary contributions (426/INT/60).	\$12,500	Circular letters to Member States (with copy to NatCom and Perm Del) and to regional and international NGOs working in field of communication.	Fourteen-member jury, composed of two members from six regions, appointed by the Director-General, plus two representatives of the Cano Foundation. Jury procedure may not contravene these regulations.	Within FED Division	Cheque and an object symbolizing the award.
UNESCO/Jikji Memory of the World Prize	\$30,000	2004	Biennial		Commemorates inscription of the <i>Buljo jikji simche yojeol</i> , in the Memory of the World Register; contributes to preservation of and access to documentary heritage as common heritage of humanity.		Republic of Korea through arrangements made with the Municipal Council of Cheongju City	169 EX/Decision 3.8.1	\$30,000		Director-General invites nominations to Prize Secretariat, from Member States, in consultation with their NatComs, from IGOs and INGOs maintaining official relations with the Organization.	Jury consists of all members of the International Advisory Committee of the Memory of the World Programme. Quorum for the Jury is seven members.	Within Memory of the World Programme	Cheque
Inactive Prize: UNESCO Web Prize.														

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ADDENDUM AND CORRIGENDUM

The prizes in this Addendum and Corrigendum should be added to the list of prizes given in document 171 EX/INF.11.

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Félix Houphouët-Boigny Peace Prize	160 000	1989	Annual		To honour living individuals and active public or private institutions or bodies that have made a significant contribution to promoting, seeking, safeguarding or maintaining peace in conformity with the Charter of the United Nations and the Constitution of UNESCO	Worldwide	Funds deposited by Félix Houphouët-Boigny and Henri Konan Bédié who is now the sponsor of the Prize and the sole donor in accordance with the last wishes of Félix Houphouët-Boigny	Resolution 23 of the 25th session of the General Conference (1989)	Funds-in-trust	None	The prizewinner(s) are chosen by the Jury.	International Jury of 11 members presided over by Dr Henry Kissinger	-	(1) Abdou Diouf, former President of the Republic of Senegal and Secretary-General of the International Organization of the Francophonie, is the patron of the Prize appointed by Félix Houphouët-Boigny, during his lifetime. (2) Out of the 21 prizewinners, six have subsequently won the Nobel Prize.

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Sharjah Prize for Arab Culture	\$25,000 x 2	1998	Biennial	2	Rewards efforts of eminent persons, groups or institutions that have contributed to the development and diffusion of Arab culture in the world	One winner from an Arab country; one winner from a non-Arab country	United Arab Emirates	155 EX/Decision 3.5.6; 167 EX/Decision 5.4	\$250,000. Costs of administration of the Prize shall be covered by interest on the investment by the Secretariat of the sum donated by the Government of Sharjah (UAE)		Candidates presented by Member States through National Commission or NGOs having official relations with UNESCO. Winners to be selected by the Director-General on recommendation of international jury (one from an Arab country, the other from a non-Arab country)	International jury of minimum five members of different nationalities appointed by the Director-General for a period of four years	One staff member (CLT/CH)	