

GRANTS FOR PROJECTS IN 2009

At the IAP Executive Committee meeting in Trieste in February 2007, it was agreed that from January 2008 IAP support to programmes would be provided on a bottom-up fashion and on the basis of merit and competition. This second call therefore invites applications from IAP member academies and regional networks for IAP funded projects which would run from January 2009.

TIMELINE

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| 6 June 2008 | Deadline for receipt of proposals at IAP Secretariat |
| September 2008 | Meeting of IAP Programmes Committee and IAP Executive Committee to select projects |
| October 2008 | Announcement of projects to be funded in 2009 |
| January 2009 | New activities begin |

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APPLICATION FORM

Applicants should download the official application from the IAP website. The application form, along with any supporting material must be submitted online in English, through a form on the IAP website.

CRITERIA

The criteria against which proposals will be reviewed are as follows:

1. **Global scope** Broad regional support from academies/networks and activities shared across a number of different countries/regions – *since IAP is a worldwide organization and has regional networks an application will be more favourably reviewed if it comes jointly from a geographically diverse set of organizations, and relates to activity which is broadly regionally relevant*
2. **Strategic fit** Programmes which are aligned to IAP's core missions of capacity building and strengthening academies ability to influence policy, which can be implemented in partnership with sister organizations such as IAC and IAMP, and which do not duplicate activity/effort elsewhere will be more favourably reviewed – *this will ensure that all activities funded by the IAP are aligned to the core goals of the organization, as well as the Strategic Plan, that we are working in partnership with our sister organizations where relevant, and that we have clarity that we are not repeating activity already being carried out elsewhere*
3. **Results** A clearly defined set of outputs from the Programme – *especially in terms of tools which IAP member academies and networks can use nationally or regionally to influence policy, and/or which will strengthen those academies or networks. This focuses the efforts of the Programme into the production of deliverables which will have a life beyond the duration of the programme, as well as allowing us to share the results widely*
4. **Structure and value for money** A clear budget for the activity, including the support requested from IAP for the expected duration of the Programme, indication of financial or in-kind contributions from participating academies, networks and other organizations, and a clear workplan, with milestones and key performance indicators for the duration of the project – *a clearly broken-down budget for the activity showing that it has been planned appropriately, and that lets IAP have clarity in the allocation of its funding over the next three years. To ensure the activities are sustainable, IAP will expect participating academies or networks to contribute, when possible, at least some of the resources for the initiative. This will also indicate that academies and networks are properly resourced to be able to carry out the activity*

DURATION

An IAP- supported Programme will be an activity involving several IAP member academies and/or networks that will last for up to **three years**, at which point the organisers can re-apply for continuation of funding. Each year the programme will be evaluated against the originally agreed criteria. Subsequent years' funding is dependent on a positive evaluation.

PROCESS

Once all applications have been received, the IAP programmes and strategic planning committee will shortlist those application which best suit the above criteria. These will then be sent to a number of independent reviewers, who will evaluate the applications against the set of criteria listed above, and their scientific and policy contribution. The IAP executive committee will decide how much of the budget can be allocated to these activities over the next three years (clearly there will be some leeway in later years, as new short-term activities may be applied for in subsequent years) and approve programmes depending on this financial limit, and the comments of the reviewers. The results will be communicated to all IAP members and applicants soon thereafter.