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(Submitted by the IPCC Secretariat)

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#### **2<sup>nd</sup> round of awards**

The IPCC Scholarship Programme provided funding for sixteen students during the 2nd round of awards. One student from Myanmar has not yet started her studies for a number of reasons and the grant with the Cuomo Foundation is pending.

One student from Benin has completed her studies and defended her thesis at the University of Abomey Calavi. The other 14 students are well underway with their studies and field work. The Secretariat maintains regular contact with the students and encourages them to send news of their work, findings, articles and presentations at conferences.

#### **Social media and networking sites**

Information and news from the students provides important feedback to our funding partners and helps animate the programme's Facebook page which has a strong following of over 3000 interested young people. The Secretariat has also set up a closed alumni group for all the students of the programme on the media site LinkedIn. It is hoped to widen this group to other IPCC experts in order to make easier connections between these young experts and the large network of IPCC scientists.

#### **Funding partners**

The Secretariat maintains close contact with the two funding partners, the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation and the Cuomo Foundation. The foundations have been informed of the decision to launch a 3<sup>rd</sup> round of awards and we hope to renew these partnerships to sponsor more students in the new round of awards.

The Secretariat has prepared an options paper for consideration by the Science Board to look into renewing contact with a number of foundations that were approached at the time of the creation of the programme and to developing links with other possible interested parties, including some academic institutions.

#### **Upcoming 3<sup>rd</sup> round of awards and other activities**

The term of office of the members of the Board of Trustees is coming to the end and a new Board of Trustees needs to be appointed. Suitable candidates the Board will be submitted for approval by the Panel at its 41<sup>st</sup> Session.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> round of awards will be launched with a call for applications at the beginning of January 2015.

IPCC scientific experts from the Working Groups will be invited to volunteer to form a Technical Committee of approximately 15 members whose role it will be to assess the candidates' applications and to provide comments and recommendations to the Science Board. It is also intended to form an alumni network where students can maintain contact among each other and with IPCC experts in their fields of study. IPCC authors will be invited to actively participate in this network.

Efforts to attract further funding will continue.