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Call for Nominations for the *Alfred Russel Wallace Award*

The Alfred Russel Wallace Award was established by the International Biogeography Society in 2004 to recognize a lifetime of outstanding contributions by an eminent scholar in any subdiscipline of biogeography. Previous recipients have included Drs. Jack Briggs, Jared Diamond, John Avise and Bob Ricklefs.

Preliminary nominations consist of a letter endorsing the candidate with an abbreviated copy of their curriculum vitae. Current members of the IBS Board are not eligible for nomination. The committee reviews these materials and solicits complete nomination packets (consisting of the letter of nomination, a complete CV, and three or more letters of recommendation) for selected in-

dividuals. The selected recipient will be invited to address the society at its next biennial meeting.

We are now in the process of accepting nominations for the 2013 award. Please forward preliminary nominations to Felisa Smith (fasmith@unm.edu), chair of the Awards Committee, by May 1, 2012.

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The IBS announces the *MacArthur & Wilson Award*

The Board of Directors of the International Biogeography Society is pleased to open the competition for a new biennial Award. Named after R. H. MacArthur and E. O. Wilson, it honors their seminal contributions to biogeography. The award will recognize an individual for a notable, innovative contribution to biogeography. This award will be targeted at comparatively early career investigators and will have a guideline that recipients should have completed their PhD no more than 12 years before the deadline for nominations. The committee has some flexibility in regard to this criterion, to take account of differing life and career paths. A pair of collaborators might be considered providing both are eligible by this criterion.

The recipient should be prepared to offer a paper at the biennial meeting of the IBS and will be invited to publish a short article on their work in *Frontiers of Biogeography*. In return, their attendance at the meeting will be underwritten by the IBS.

The first award will be presented at the IBS biennial meeting in Miami, Florida, 10–12 January 2013.

Nominations should be sent to the Chair of the MacArthur & Wilson Award Sub-Committee (pdf's are preferred; Robert.whittaker@ouce.ox.ac.uk) no later than Friday 23rd March, 2012. An individual can be nominated for a single paper or a 'group of papers' and it is anticipated that such a corpus of work will involve – in the spirit of MacArthur & Wilson's famous monograph – scholarly collaborations with other co-workers. Current members of the IBS Board are not eligible for nomination.

Nominations should consist of a supporting cover letter of no more than 800 words, co-signed by two members of the IBS, plus a short cv of the nominee, plus pdfs of four key papers published by the nominee, at least two of which should have been published within the last three years.

Current members of this IBS sub-committee include: Pauline Ladiges, Christine Maggs, Albert Phillimore, Robert E. Ricklefs, Brett R. Riddle, Robert J. Whittaker (chair)