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## The Assistant Director-General for External Relations and Public Information

To Secretaries General of National  
Commissions for UNESCO

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### PhosAgro/UNESCO/IUPAC grants for projects in green chemistry

Dear Secretary-General,

The purpose of this letter is to inform you of the fourth call for submission of applications for UNESCO/PhosAgro/IUPAC grants for research projects in green chemistry. These research grants (up to US\$30,000/grant) are awarded for promising, innovative projects that may be completed in one year and are proposed by a young scientist heading a research team or working alone in his/her institute. A special grant is also awarded separately for a green chemistry research projects on innovations in the processing and utilization of phosphogypsum.

The UNESCO/PhosAgro/IUPAC Partnership in green chemistry stems from the central role green chemistry has acquired in cutting-edge research into innovative sustainable technologies that eliminate or reduce the production or use of hazardous substances in the design, manufacture and application of chemical products in industry, agriculture and mining. Solutions brought about by green chemistry lead to new environmentally friendly technologies and energy savings, as well as to better healthcare and better protection against pollution of the environment. These solutions constitute an indispensable prerequisite for the attainment of the goals of the Agenda 2030 for sustainable development.

Each project proposal is to be submitted by a young scientist who is entrusted with full responsibility for implementation of the project. Applicants are to be aged 39 or less and have a PhD or equivalent in chemistry or an allied interdisciplinary area. Grants are awarded on a competitive basis on the recommendation of an international Jury of high-level scientists.

Full information on the grants, the documents to be completed, and guidelines on how to apply may be downloaded from UNESCO's web site from the following url address: <http://www.unesco.org/new/en/natural-sciences/science-technology/basic-sciences/chemistry/green-chemistry-for-life/>

The deadline for submission of applications is 28 February 2017.

You may wish to bring this fourth call for applications for research grants to the attention of relevant scientific institutions and networks in your country, which in

your view may be interested in the PhosAgro/UNESCO/IUPAC Partnership in green chemistry.

Information on the Partnership and the research grants is also being circulated to international and regional scientific institutions and networks and centres of excellence in chemistry and its allied areas cooperating with national institutions under the umbrella of either UNESCO, IUPAC or PhosAgro.

Yours sincerely,



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