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TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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KING BEAUDOIN AWARD

Agenda Item 15

Proposed Objectives of the Discussion

TAC should take note of the attached request by the CGIAR and give guidance to the Secretariat in sending request for submission by the Centres.

TAC would also need to consider its procedures for evaluation of the submission and selection of awardees.

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FROM: The Secretariat

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## Proposed Arrangements for the 1982 King Baudouin Award

1. Dr. Hartmans, Chairman of the Center Directors this year, has asked about arrangements for making the 1982 King Baudouin Award. He has asked that suggestions as to the criteria for the Award be available for discussion at the next meeting of Center Directors.

2. It is planned to announce the first biennial King Baudouin Award at Centers Week in the fall of 1982. It will be made to one of the 13 International Institutions supported by the CGIAR. This memorandum suggests a way of getting from here to there.

### Basis of Award

3. The Award would be made on the basis of written submissions from each Center Director wishing to have his Institution considered. Every Institution is invited and urged to make a submission.

### Form and Content of Submission

4. Each Institution would make one submission per Award. It should be short, and it is hoped that three or four single-spaced pages should be enough. It should describe an identifiable single achievement, or related set of achievements aimed at a single end. Recognizing that scientific achievements are likely to be part of a continuum with a long history, the one selected should be of recent date.

### Eligibility

5. Any activity would be eligible which is within the agreed mandate of the Institution, and conducted predominantly by its regular staff.

### Criteria for Selection

6. It is hoped that the Center Directors at their meeting in November 1981 can reach agreement on general criteria for selection. In the meantime, it is suggested that they should be flexible, but the overriding criterion is

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the actual or potential impact of the achievement in furthering the general objective underlying the specific objectives of the CGIAR, i.e. improving the quantity, quality and stability of food production in developing countries.

7. Other criteria would be the degree of innovation, and contribution to the state of a particular art, the potential quantitative impact on food production, and the degree of universality or transferability.

#### Selection Process

8. At Centers Week in 1980 it was agreed that a small Selection Committee would be convened especially for the purpose. (See Annex.) On reflection it seems that perhaps this question should be reopened, and consideration given to entrusting to this TAC, for the following reasons:

- (i) TAC includes more of the main disciplines to be found at the centers than would a small Committee;
- (ii) Proliferation of Committees for specific purposes should be avoided where a viable alternative exists; and,
- (iii) The TAC alternative is administratively simple, and should not incur any additional cost.

9. If this change meets with the approval of the Chairman of TAC and of the Center Directors, we would suggest it to the Group for approval.

#### Procedure

10. Each Institution wishing to send in a submission should do so to reach the Chairman and members of TAC by May 15, 1982. Copies for reference should be sent to the CGIAR and TAC Secretariats. The extent to which Boards or their Committees are involved in preparation of the submission is a matter for each Institution to decide.

#### Form of Award

11. The actual Award would be an appropriately inscribed token, and a check amounting to accrued interest on the principal provided by the King Baudouin International Development Prize.

#### Use of Award Money

12. The use of the money awarded would be at the discretion of the winning Institution. It should, however, not be applied to regular ongoing operating costs, but should be used for a special activity furthering the general objectives of the Institution. Consideration should be given to using the funds for creating a better public awareness of the actual or potential application of the achievement selected.

King Baudouin International Development Prize

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Application of Prize Money

Report of the CGIAR Working Group

The CGIAR is to be presented with the King Baudouin International Development Prize on November 15. The award is accompanied by a check for BFr 1.3 million (about \$50,000) which the Group is free to use for any worthwhile purpose.

At the beginning of International Centers Week 1980 the Chairman of the CGIAR appointed a Working Group consisting of Mme. Vervalcke, Messrs. Bentley, Cunningham, Quisumbing and Sawyer to make recommendations as to how the prize money should be used. Mr. Hayman of the CGIAR Secretariat served as secretary to this Working Group.

The Working Group met on October 28th and 30th, and presented the recommendations that follow. They were accepted by the CGIAR members after discussion.

1. Principles. The funds should be invested to endow a continuing modest activity, rather than used for a single larger activity. The income from the invested funds should be applied in such a way as to acknowledge and stimulate agricultural research and other activities relevant to the CGIAR system, and to recognize an International Center's contribution to the development of the Third World, and the agricultural production of ordinary farmers.

2. Custody of Funds. The funds should be held in trust by the World Bank, invested by it, and the income similarly held in trust.

3. Name of Award. The King Baudouin International Agricultural Research Award.

4. Frequency. Biennially, and covering the previous three years. The first award would be announced at International Centers Week in the fall of 1981, and every two years thereafter.

5. Eligibility. Any of the International Centers within the CGIAR. The award cannot be made to individuals or teams.

6. Type of Achievement. The Award is intended to recognize the application, use, and impact of a particular technology, material or knowledge developed by any of the International Centers.

7. Time Frame. For the first Award, application of technology since January 1978 would be eligible. For subsequent awards, the eligible period would be the three years preceding the CGIAR meeting at which the Award would be announced.

8. Procedure. The CGIAR Secretariat would biennially notify the Directors of the international centers of the items and conditions of the next Award, and the closing date for submissions. Center Directors could make one submission per Award, but would not be required to make any submission if they could not identify any appropriate achievement. Submissions should be in the form of a brief paper, not to exceed three pages. An unsuccessful submission could be re-submitted once. Directors' submissions would be considered by a Committee of the CGIAR appointed by the Chairman. This Committee would be expected to be comprised of: a person nominated by the King Baudouin Foundation<sup>1/</sup>; one person nominated by the group of Center Directors but not of their number; the Chairman of TAC; and a person appointed by the Chairman of the CGIAR after consultation with the Cosponsors, Donors, and other members of the Group. This latter person should be someone who is not actively participating in the activities of the CGIAR.

9. Form of Award. The Award shall be made as a simple and dignified plaque to the Center being recognized, inscribed appropriately. In addition a cash payment in US dollars will be made in an amount determined each year by the World Bank, equivalent to about 90% of the interest earned on investment of the original prize, less any service charges and other direct costs such as plaques, etc. The actual amount to be made available should be subject to prior approval by the administrators of the trust fund. At the discretion of the Center Director concerned, it should preferably be used to publicize to laymen the achievement selected. This should include commissioning an independent journalist to produce an article or series of articles describing the achievement, which should have world-wide circulation for the benefit of the Group as a whole.

10. The Next Steps. The CGIAR Secretariat will make arrangements for the establishment of an Award Fund, to be administered by the World Bank. Investment of principal shall be at the discretion of the World Bank. Terms and conditions for the 1981 Award will be issued by the CGIAR Secretariat not later than March 31, 1981. The Award Committee will be appointed not later than July 31, 1981. The winner should be notified well before International Centers Week. The award will be presented during Centers Week.

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<sup>1/</sup> Subject to the Foundation's agreement.