

**ISE call for travel grant applications to support contributions from Indigenous peoples and local/traditional community members to the 15<sup>th</sup> ISE Congress of Ethnobiology**

1-7 August 2016 Makerere University, Kampala, Uganda

Recognition of the central role of Indigenous peoples in all global, regional, and local processes is a founding element of the [International Society of Ethnobiology](#) (ISE). Since the ISE's inception in 1988, the Society's priority has been to support and promote the critical efforts of Indigenous peoples, traditional societies, and local communities in the conservation of biological, cultural and linguistic diversity.

The 2016 ISE congress will be held 1-7 August 2016 in Kampala, Uganda.

In preparation for this congress, the ISE is announcing a **Call for travel grant applications to support contributions from Indigenous peoples and local or traditional communities**. For the 2016 Congress, due to limited funding, the ISE will consider travel grant applications only from ISE members with a history of active participation and meaningful contributions to the vision and work of the ISE and the [ISE Code of Ethics](#).

To help focus and guide dialogue and exchanges at the Congress, the broad theme of the Congress “**Ethnobiological knowledge for improved human wellbeing and development**” has been selected for its global significance as well as its importance for local community members. The conference tagline “Together keeping continuity from our roots” emphasizes the importance of ensuring that elements of cultural heritage are preserved and recognized for their value to humanity. This over-arching theme will run through all of the sub-themes of the Congress:

- Culture and education
- Ethnobiology and economic development
- The science behind traditional practices
- Traditional medicine, spirituality and the law
- Traditional medicine and modern medicine
- Culture at the crossroads
- Gender roles and issues in resource management
- Ethnobiological knowledge and intellectual property
- Transmission and survival of indigenous languages
- Indigenous knowledge systems and food security
- Policy evolution and natural resource management
- Bioprospecting and international law

**Proposals for travel grant applications to support individual contributions should fall within one of these sub-themes.**

More information about the 15<sup>th</sup> ISE Congress can be found at: <http://isecongress2016.mak.ac.ug/>

Proposed contributions can take any of a wide range of formats, including (but not limited to) cultural performances, demonstrations, talking circles, film viewings and discussions, oral presentations and posters. The Congress organizers, in dialog with the contributors, will do their best to provide appropriate space for the formats proposed.

**Support available:**

Limited support is available for Indigenous and local people who are members of the ISE and involved in Ethnobiology, biocultural diversity, or related fields at the community or grassroots level. Travel bursaries up to a maximum of \$2000 USD will cover a portion of the direct expenses (transportation, hotel, meals, registration) for attending the 15<sup>th</sup> ISE Congress in Kampala. Successful applicants will demonstrate financial capacity beyond the amount requested from ISE to assure their congress participation.

**Qualifications:**

As noted, the selection process for travel awards to the 2016 Congress is expected to be highly competitive. For the 2016 Congress, due to limited funding, the ISE will consider travel grant applications only from members with a history of active participation and meaningful contributions to the vision and work of the ISE and the [ISE Code of Ethics](#).

***Criteria considered by the Selection Committee include:***

- Strength of the personal statement
- Strength of the proposed contribution
- How well the contribution fits into the Congress themes
- Demonstrated interest and commitment to the vision and work of the ISE and the [ISE Code of Ethics](#), including history of previous involvement with and contributions to the ISE.
- Plans for sharing information from the Congress with local communities and grassroots organizations.
- Commitment to sharing a summary of your experience at the Congress for use on the ISE website and in other ISE public materials
- Geographic distribution of award recipients
- Financial need, including limited access to other sources of funding
- Financial capacity to attend the congress if awarded a bursary (i.e., indication of complementary funding support)

**Application forms must be submitted via email ([admin@ethnobiology.net](mailto:admin@ethnobiology.net)) or fax (+1 802 329-2364) by 29 January 2016).**

# ISE Travel Award Application Form

## PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Affiliation (e.g., tribe, nation, institution, or other affiliation): \_\_\_\_\_

Job or occupation or traditional role, if applicable: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a current ISE member? (You must be a current ISE member for your application to be considered. Please see the [ISE website](#) for information on joining or renewing your membership.)

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

Are you a student?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

If you are a student, are you planning to attend the ISE Pre-Congress Workshop for Emerging Ethnobiologists?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

Please provide a brief statement of your interests and connection to ethnobiology or biocultural diversity.

Please describe your history with the ISE, any past ISE events you have attended and any contributions you have made to the vision and work of the ISE and the [ISE Code of Ethics](#).

**(Optional)** Please include a letter of support from your tribal or community group with this application. You may submit your letter of support with your application to the email address listed in the instructions below.

Please describe your plans for sharing information from the Congress with your community and/or the Indigenous, local or traditional communities within which you work.

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Please indicate your commitment to sharing a summary of your experiences at the Congress for use on the ISE website and in other ISE published material by checking this box: ☐

## BUDGET INFORMATION

Complete the following budget table, describing your financial need. Note that we have provided a number of items to assist you in assessing the true cost of your participation in the Congress, but not all of them necessarily apply to you, depending on your individual situation. Please also add any additional expenses that we may have not thought of. Links to information on the Congress website are provided where available.

Travel Expenses		Funding Sources	
Expense	Total Amount	Amount requested from the ISE	Amount covered from other sources <i>(Please indicate where these funds come from and if they have been secured)</i>
Passport (photos and fees)			
Uganda <a href="#">Visa</a>			
<a href="#">Vaccinations</a>			
Travel within your country to the airport or bus station			
Travel to Uganda (please indicate air or ground transport)			
Transit Visas			
Accommodations during transit			
Congress <a href="#">Registration</a> fee (Please use the Early Registration fees schedule)			
Registration fee for pre- or post-congress workshops			
<a href="#">Ground travel</a> to and from the airport			
Per diem (food and miscellaneous expenses): \$30 USD/day			
Accommodations: \$30 USD/night. NOTE: This will be arranged by the ISE; award recipients will stay at the University Guest House in double occupancy rooms.			
Other Expense			
TOTALS			

Budget Comments:

## PROPOSED CONTRIBUTION

Provide the following details about your proposed contribution.

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Format (e.g., talking circle, storytelling, presentation, poster, film, demonstration):

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Abstract/description (500 words or less):

List any special audio, visual or other equipment you will need (e.g., Power Point, sound system for music, wireless microphone or other specialized equipment):

Please indicate which congress sub-theme(s) your contribution fits in. If it does not fit within a congress theme, please describe how it contributes to the congress overall.

- ☐ Culture and education
  - ☐ Ethnobiology and economic development
  - ☐ The science behind traditional practices
  - ☐ Traditional medicine, spirituality and the law
  - ☐ Traditional medicine and modern medicine
  - ☐ Culture at the crossroads
  - ☐ Gender roles and issues in resource management
  - ☐ Ethnobiological knowledge and intellectual property
  - ☐ Transmission and survival of indigenous languages
  - ☐ Indigenous knowledge systems and food security
  - ☐ Policy evolution and natural resource management
  - ☐ Bioprospecting and international law
  - ☐ Other:
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Have you already submitted your contribution proposal to the Congress Organizing Committee?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

#### INSTRUCTIONS FOR SUBMISSION

Please submit your completed application via email (admin@ethnobiology.net) or fax (+1 802 329-2364).

Electronic submissions (.doc, .docx, .pdf, .rtf) included with this application and sent by email must contain your name in the file name, e.g., John\_Smith\_letterofsupport.doc

The deadline to submit proposals is **29 January 2016**.

Successful applicants will be notified by **19 February 2016** and are asked to confirm acceptance of financial support and initiate travel plans by **4 March 2016**. Note that financial support may be forfeited if acceptance is not confirmed by the date specified.