

40 IUHPS_Outline Dictionary of National History of Sciences Bibliographies and Archival Sources (funding continuation)

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1. Relevance to ICSU Priorities in the call for application (Themes, Geographical coverage, Interdisciplinary, Participation of developing country scientists and women scientists; Number of supporting applicants and their roles; Potential to act as a catalyst for future ICSU activities)

Brief note on strength / weakness of the proposal Grade ___A
 Documentation of national traditions and contributions to science and technology will assist science and technology for sustainable development, capacity building and science education, and science-policy interface.

2. Scientific Quality (Innovativeness; Definition of goals; Description of methodology; Significance of possible output; Added value to science)

Brief note on strength / weakness of the proposal Grade A _____
 Extension of a project already approved, with goals and methodology already deemed appropriate. The case for online access to bibliographical and archival resources is a strong one.. So far much emphasis has been placed on the resources available within Western countries. The rapid development of web-based information systems now renders it feasible to extend the services to poorer countries as well as to those where archival systems have been poorly developed. Should help developing countries having poor access to scientific bibliographies. The Division on the History of Science of IUHPS will provide free public access to scientific documentation for young scholars throughout the world.

3. Cost/time effectiveness (Realism of budget; Significance of ICSU financial support on the proposed activity; Expectation to complete activity within stipulated time frame)

Brief note on strength / weakness of the proposal Grade __B__
 Only one third of the total costs of this phase of the project (\$15k) is requested from ICSU. Little detail is provided on the time schedule. It is also the intention to seek further funding from the countries themselves where bibliographic activity is stagnant or non-existent. Although further investment might await satisfactory completion of the first stage, some historical assets are diminishing In some countries which argues for getting on with the job.

4. Strength of the proposers (Reputation; Numbers; Collaborators)

Brief note on strength / weakness of the proposal Grade ___A_____

Summary Grade** _ A _____