



Intergovernmental Institution for the use of Micro-algae Spirulina Against Malnutrition

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IIMSAM's Official Working Partner SOLEY INSTITUTE of Turkey initiates a USD 4,000,000 Research Grant Programme to commence from 2009 onwards for Scientific Research / Projects in the field of micro-algae



Dr. M. Mustafa Kizililsoley, IIMSAM International Expert and Facilitator

(United Nations Headquarters, New York, 21st October 2008) To realize its ambition of a world free of hunger and malnutrition, IIMSAM along with its Official Working Partner from Turkey, Soley Institute headed by its international Spirulina expert and facilitator, **Dr. M. Mustafa Kizililsoley** and the Algae Institute of Turkey headed by Dr. Soner Helvacioğlu, initiated a Research Grant of USD 4 million **solely and specifically** for Scientific Research/Projects in the field of Micro-algae.

The research grant for serious and qualified proposals aims to expand innovation in the field of micro-algae research and for the benefit of the humankind. **Soley Institute in the past pioneered the production of chemical-free, herbal based, 100% organic growth medium for Spirulina cultivation.** This paved way for organic Spirulina cultivation which was not possible otherwise.

This is an equal opportunities process and the selection of the candidates would be made by an impartial, unbiased, and objective jury committee that shall comprise Dr. Mustafa Kizililsoley of the Soley Institute, **Dr. Soner Helvacioğlu** of the Algae Institute of Turkey, **H.E. Ambassador Manish Uprety of IIMSAM** and a panel of 8 renowned professors from across the world.

These Research Grants would commence from the year 2009 onwards and priority would be given to the candidates from the Developing and the Least Developed Countries; Land Locked and Small Island Developing States and States with emerging economies.



The forms can be downloaded from-
<http://www.algaeinstitute.com/grantapplication.doc>
or
<http://www.soley.cn/grantapplication.doc>

Interested candidates should fill the necessary forms and submit before the **31st of December 2008 (strictly for the candidates recommended by IIMSAM)** through email to IIMSAM C/O **H.E. Amb. Manish Uprety** at upretym@iimsam.org



H.E Ambassador Remigio M. Maradona, Director-General-IIMSAM while congratulating the Soley Institute and the Algae Institute of Turkey on the occasion stated- *'This small step by IIMSAM, Soley Institute and the Algae Institute of Turkey; would infact prove to be a giant leap for the betterment of humankind. Micro-algae were not only the first forms of life on the Earth but also hold tremendous potential to address various contemporary challenges faced by the humankind.*

The research grants would help explore and exploit the significant potential that micro-algae hold to eradicate malnutrition, achieve food security and bridge the health divide globally; along with playing a pivotal role to secure the UN Millennium Development Goals.

It would also bridge the technological divide by providing opportunities to deserving candidates from the Developing and the Least Developed Countries, Land Locked and Small Island Developing States; and states with emerging economies; to learn and disseminate the knowledge generated from the research to establish lasting capacities and capabilities.'

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