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Dear all

IDS Travel Bursary to Armenia and Georgia, 18th September - 3rd October 2018

The International Dendrology Society is offering a travel bursary either to a student of dendrology or to a full-time employee of less than 30 years of age at a botanical garden or similar organisation.

I am enclosing/attaching information about this and I would be most grateful if you would both email it to your students and relevant personnel and also print it out and put up a copy on an appropriate notice board. If you are not the relevant person, would you please forward it to the correct department.

You will see that any applicant will need a letter of recommendation from yourself. This must give clear evidence of why this student or employee in particular is worthy of the bursary. Please recommend only one of your students or employees.

As stated in the attachment, this is a unique opportunity for a young person to benefit from travel and to study in the company of enthusiastic experts.

I would be most grateful if you would acknowledge receipt of this letter/email.

Yours sincerely

Antonia Johnson
Chairman
IDS Scientific & Education Committee



IDS TRAVEL BURSARY

Armenia and Georgia 18th September - 3rd October 2018

The International Dendrology Society (IDS) (www.dendrology.org) is offering a travel bursary for a student of dendrology or full-time employee under 30 years of age to join the IDS tour to Armenia and Georgia in September/October 2018. This person would join a group of 20-30 IDS members, led by a member of the IDS Tours Committee. IDS members are either knowledgeable amateurs, often with their own arboretum or park, or professionals responsible for arboreta and parks from all over the world. The tour will start in Yerevan, Armenia and end in Batumi, Georgia, and will visit botanic gardens, forests, ancient temples and monasteries and private gardens. This is an outstanding opportunity.

The bursary will cover all accommodation, insurance, meals and travel within Armenia and Georgia. It will also cover travel to and from London, or the equivalent sum if the successful applicant is not travelling from London; however some long haul flights may not be able to be covered entirely.

Applicants who have been unsuccessful in previous years are invited to apply again.

The successful applicant must:

- Be a student of botany or horticulture or employed full time in a botanic garden, private garden or similar organisation, and be under 30 years of age.
- Have good spoken English
- Be primarily studying woody plants
- Be able to help with botanical and identification issues while on the tour
- Have an outgoing and friendly personality
- If possible write a blog during the tour, ideally illustrated with photographs, which then can be used in a report for the IDS Yearbook. It is one of the conditions of the Bursary that the successful applicant will anyway write up the tour for the IDS Yearbook. The IDS is happy for the tour report to be written in English, French, German or Italian, and will arrange if necessary for the report to be translated for the Yearbook.

To apply:

Send a CV with a written personal statement saying why you should be chosen for this bursary, together with a recommendation from your institute of study or employer, either from the head of the institute or from the person in charge of the study of woody plants, or the arboretum.

Send these documents via email to the Chairman of the Scientific & Education Committee of the IDS, Antonia Johnson, at Kingwell House, Timsbury, Bath BA2 0HH, UK. email AJ@simonjohnson.co.uk. Applications must be received no later than 17th December 2017. Interviews will take place in London during January or early February 2018, or by Skype.

The student will be chosen by the Chairman of the Scientific & Education Committee, the Chairman of the Tours Committee, the Chairman of the IDS, the leader of the tour, and a botanist who is a member of the S& E Committee. The successful applicant will be informed by 23rd February 2018, and must accept by 11th March 2018. Unsuccessful applicants will be informed after that date.