

Nairobi, 8 September 2011

Dear Prof. José Fernando Martirena Hernández,

I am delighted to inform you that Centro de Investigacion y Desarrollo de Estructuras y Materiales (CIDEM) has been selected to receive the 2011 Scroll of Honour.

Many commendable candidates were considered for this award. It was our unanimous opinion that this organization should receive the award for blazing a new trail in low cost, low-energy, eco-friendly building materials.

The highlight of the World Habitat Day global celebration will be the presentations of the *Habitat Scroll of Honour*, an international award for outstanding contributions towards human settlements development by individuals, organizations and successful projects. There will also be the presentation of the *World Habitat Awards*, by the Building and Social Housing Foundation in the United Kingdom. The World Habitat Awards recognize innovative, sustainable and replicable human settlements projects throughout the world. Other best practices at global and national levels will also be awarded on the occasion.

The Global Observance of World Habitat Day 2011 will be in the city of Aguascalientes in Mexico, on Monday 3 October 2011. The celebration will be co-hosted with the Federal Government of Mexico through its Ministry of Social Development (SEDESOL) and city of Aguascalientes.

It gives me great pleasure to invite your appointed representative to travel to Aguascalientes to receive this prestigious award on the occasion of World Habitat Day. UN-HABITAT will cover the cost of travel for one person to receive the award. In line with United Nations regulations, the travel will be on the most economical and direct routing to and from Aguascalientes. The person receiving the award will also be provided with hotel accommodation at the Quinta Real Hotel from 1-3 October.

In this regard, and to facilitate Mexico visa requirements and travel procedures, I would appreciate it if you could send the name of the person who will travel to Aguascalientes to receive the award on behalf of your organization to [whd@unhabitat.org](mailto:whd@unhabitat.org) by 13 September 2011. Travel arrangements will be communicated to you as soon as we receive the name of the person designated to receive the award. Please also have a look at [www.unhabitat.org/whd](http://www.unhabitat.org/whd) for more information about World Habitat Day and the Global Observance in Aguascalientes.

Yours sincerely,



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