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Deadline approaches for entries to International Awards for Liveable Communities Finals 2013

The deadline for entries for a place in this year's finals of the 2013 International Awards for Liveable Communities is looming.

Entries for the 2013 finals, set to take place in Xiamen, China, 28 November- 2 December, close on 31 May when submissions from cities bidding to be crowned the world's most liveable communities go forward for the first round of judging.

Now in their 17th year, the prestigious LivCom International Awards are devoted to championing and rewarding sustainable development, quality of life and environmental best practice in communities around the world.

The 16th Finals of the 2012 LivCom Awards held in Al Ain, Abu Dhabi, UAE, last year saw the coming together of representatives of more than 60 cities from around the globe.

Finalists were involved in over 100 presentations demonstrating examples of and extending the boundaries of International Best Practice in respect of the local environment.

At the awards finals, which have been held every year since 1997, judges evaluate the approach to individual criteria for sustainable development – enhancement of the landscape, heritage

management, environmentally-sensitive practices, community sustainability and planning for the future.

The finals, which see representatives of the various towns and cities make their case to an international jury, last for five days, culminating in an awards ceremony. The closing date for entries to the 2013 finals is 31st May.