

THE RAYMOND GEORIS PRIZE

for Innovative
Philanthropy in Europe

*2007
Call for Nominations*

THE MERCATOR FUND

About the award

The Mercator Fund is pleased to announce the fourth annual **“Raymond Georis Prize for Innovative Philanthropy in Europe”**.

The Prize will reward an individual, organisation, foundation or project which has conceived and implemented an outstanding and innovative philanthropic programme in Europe. The recipient of the Prize will receive an original piece of art chosen by Mr Raymond Georis. The Prize Ceremony will take place in Madrid on the occasion of the European Foundation Centre’s Annual General Assembly from the 1st to 3rd June 2007.

The Prize criteria

It is anticipated that the project will illustrate a creative and innovative philanthropic initiative with a high impact result and will express a strong belief in the role of Europe and European values in philanthropy. The nominees will have demonstrated leadership, passion and vision in their philanthropic activities.

Eligibility

To be eligible for the Prize, the individual, the foundation, the organisation or the project must:

- work for or operate as a not-for-profit endeavour;
- demonstrate a specific European dimension;
- engage in a philanthropic activity.

Nomination process

Candidates must be proposed by a Nominator in order to be considered for the Prize. Additional third party commendations will be taken into consideration in the selection process. Entries close on the 13th April 2007.

The recipient of the Prize will be chosen by a Selection Committee. More information about the organisation of the Prize can be found on www.mercatorfund.net

Nominator questionnaire

The Nominator should supply the following information:

- Explain your connection to the nominee;
- Describe the nominated project, foundation or individual's work;
- Describe how the nominee's philanthropic engagement demonstrates innovation and what impact resulted from the work described;
- Describe the European dimension of the nominee's philanthropic engagement.

Application form

The application form and further information on the **Raymond Georis Prize for Innovative Philanthropy in Europe** can be obtained from:

ACG – The Mercator Fund
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75001 Paris, France
Email: info@mercatorfund.net

Previous winners



Last year's Raymond Georis Prize was awarded to **Ms Kristina Persson, Founder of the Swedish Stiftelsen Frejas fond**, for her leadership in creating an open and honest debate on the challenges we face in an increasingly globalised world.



The 2005 Raymond Georis Prize was awarded to **Mr Aly Mawji, Resident Representative in Afghanistan for the European-based Aga Khan Development Network**, for his leading philanthropic work towards the long-term development of Afghanistan and a strengthening of its communities.



The 2004 Raymond Georis Prize was awarded to **Ms Avila Kilmurray, Director of the Community Foundation for Northern Ireland** for her leading philanthropic work towards peace and social solidarity both in her own country, Northern Ireland, and in the Balkans with the YouthBank project.

Raymond Georis



Raymond Georis is a man of vision and intuition and is widely recognized as the “father” of the European foundation community, and has embodied philanthropic innovation in Europe. He is now the Managing Director of the Madariaga European Foundation, founding Managing Director of the Network of European Foundations for Innovative Cooperation and founding Chairman of the European Foundation Centre in Brussels (1989-1991). The Prize aims to recognise Mr Georis' remarkable contribution to the foundation sector in Europe.

The Mercator Fund

Created by the Network of European Foundations in 2003, the Mercator Fund's objective is to tackle matters related to Europe's role in global social issues and to act as a catalyst for programmes or initiatives in areas where European foundations could form partnerships with each other or with others from around the world on pressing global issues.