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5TH INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION OF ENVIRONMENTAL LAUREATES



FREIBURG, GERMANY
10-13 MARCH 2016

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WELCOME TO FREIBURG



I am delighted and honored to have been appointed patron of the **5th International Convention of Environmental Laureates**.

The convention aims to bring together highly committed environmental laureates to drive forward sustainable policies worldwide. After the 2015 Paris climate summit it is now more important than ever to implement a global sustainable lifestyle.

The International Convention of Environmental Laureates connects committed people from various fields of work who join forces to create a better future.

Prof. Dr. Dr. h.c. mult. Klaus Töpfer
Patron International Convention of Environmental Laureates,
Former Director of the Institute for Advanced Sustainability Studies,
former German Environmental Minister,
former Executive Director UNEP



A warm welcome to Freiburg, a city where environmental protection, sustainable lifestyle and the quality of living play a big role in everyday life. Environmental awareness, an environmental policy which is set-up on a long-

term basis and contributes to a sustainable urban development as well as a strong network of various institutions in the area of environmental protection all together contribute to the ecological profile of the city.

Dr. Dieter Salomon

Lord Mayor of the City of Freiburg, Member of the Board of Trustees,
European Environment Foundation



The Board of Trustees of the European Environment Foundation would like to express a warm welcome to you for our 5th anniversary meeting of International Environmental Laureates. We can expect highly interesting speeches, many networking opportunities and exciting master classes. Spirited discussions will take place with young students from the University and Freiburg's United World College, who are invited for the round table discussions.”

Prof. Dr. Eicke R. Weber
Chairman Board of Trustees,
European Environment Foundation





INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION OF ENVIRONMENTAL LAUREATES

The International Convention of Environmental Laureates, which is hosted by the European Environment Foundation, provides a platform for winners of prestigious international environmental prizes and awards to exchange their ideas and experience on helping to shape environmental policy.

Laureates include active environmentalists, journalists and human rights activists, scientists, and entrepreneurs. Above all, they are doers, with one thing in common: They have a vision and goals, and they have found ways of implementing them. Every one of them has made a significant contribution in their field towards environmental protection.

The Convention is the ideal opportunity for building a global network and for mutual learning between the leading players and activists of the worldwide environment

movement. With the exchanges of experiences amongst each other the laureates become multipliers and creators of ideas and initiatives that can be successfully implemented in other areas around the world.

Furthermore the Convention wants to disseminate ideas, initiatives and visions to young people and the interested public. Therefore it includes meetings and discussions between laureates and upcoming researchers, students and pupils, as well as various public events. Keynote speakers have included, amongst others, Jeremy Rifkin, Bianca Jagger, Gunter Pauli and Klaus Töpfer.



In hosting the 5th International Convention of Environmental Laureates, we aim to **support an international exchange** among leading environmentalists, human rights activists and committed individuals who shape global environmental

policies. The new online platform “**EnviroNetwork**” is a successful continuation of this global network, where the international laureates can exchange and connect throughout the year.

We are proud to host this event for such committed individuals and foster their international network.

Dr. Bernd Dallmann

Founder and Chairman, European Environment Foundation



Committed speakers on topics that matter



Numerous people following the public lectures

CONVENTION PROGRAMME

THURSDAY, 10 MARCH 2016

18:00

◆ **Public Opening Lecture** – Historisches Kaufhaus Freiburg

Global Goals for people and the planet
So what`s the plan?

Welcome by the host

- *Prof. Dr. Eicke R. Weber*; Chair Board of Trustees, European Environment Foundation

Greeting

- *Dr. Dieter Salomon*; Lord Mayor, City of Freiburg

Sustainability in the Anthropocene

- *Prof. Dr. Dr. h.c. mult. Klaus Töpfer*; Former Executive Director, United Nations Environment Programme

Sustainable Consumption – Living like a King

- *Prof. Dr. Rainer Grießhammer*; Member of the Executive Board, Institute of Applied Ecology

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- *Michael Wadleigh*; Founder Homo Sapiens Foundation, Oscar winner, film maker
“Woodstock“ documentary

20:00

◆ **Reception** – Historisches Kaufhaus

Buffet with savoury regional dishes

FRIDAY, 11 MARCH 2016

08:30

◆ **Laureates Symposium “Learning from others“** – Konzerthaus Freiburg

A forum for knowledge transfer and the laureates' presentations

08:30

Introduction – Konzerthaus Freiburg, Runder Saal

- *Virginia Sonntag-O'Brien*; Board of Trustees, European Environment Foundation

08:45

MASTER CLASS

Conference Room 9

Closing space – the growing pushback against NGOs and civil society

- *Poonam Joshi*
Fund for Global Human Rights
Director, London office, United Kingdom

LAUREATES' PRESENTATIONS

Conference Room 2-4

Why are global conservation efforts failing?

- *Ravi Corea*, United States

Wetlands conservation, environmental education and community empowerment in Argentina

- *Luciano Iribarren*, Argentina

Indigenous natural resource management of Afro-alpine ecosystem

- *Zelealem Tefera Ashenafi*, Ethiopia

Example of tri-national Mont-Blanc Area

- *Barbara Ehringhaus*, Switzerland

08:45

10:15

Coffee break & networking

10:45

MASTER CLASS

Conference Room 9

Running a successful campaign

- *Dennis van Berkel*
Legal Counsel, Urgenda Foundation,
Netherlands

LAUREATES' PRESENTATIONS

Conference Room 2-4

Call for safe people life and environment

- *Debesai Ghebrehiwet*, Uganda

Socially and environmentally sustainable biomass based pellet and cook stove project

- *Ramesh Nibhoria*, India

Capacity building for global grass root environmentalism – student project

- *Kristin Kaschner*, Germany

Lifestyle, Happiness and the UN SDGs

- *Marilyn Mehlmann*, Sweden

10:45

12:15

Lunch break

13:30

MASTER CLASS

Conference Room 9

Economy for the Common Good. An ethical alternative for business.

- *Mag. Christian Felber*, Austria

LAUREATES' PRESENTATIONS

Conference Room 2-4

Clean up US military bases in Iraq and Afghanistan

- *Mozghan Savabieasfahani*, Islamic Republic of Iran

Military Impacts on climate change, sustainability and environmental security

- *Paul Walker*, United States

The UN, Unfold Zero and Article 26: disarmament, global governance and sustainable security

- *Alyn Ware*, New Zealand

Community renewable energy in Somerset and Dorset

- *Keith Wheaton-Green*, United Kingdom

13:30

15:00

Coffee break & networking

15:30

MASTER CLASS

Conference Room 9

US foundation fundraising for environmentalists

- *Eelco Keij*
KeyLance Consultancy LLC,
United States

LAUREATES' PRESENTATIONS

Conference Room 2-4

IDEal Index – measuring quality of life

- *Paola Ghillani*, Switzerland

SRSP Micro Hydro Projects in Pakistan

- *Masood Ul Mulk*, Pakistan

The Russian nuclear boomerang

- *Oleg Bodrov*, Russia

Code of Survival – The end of genetic technology

- *Bertram Verhaag*, Germany

15:30

17:00 ◆ **Paris Climate Agreement and Beyond – Global Environmental Laureates and their Contribution to the 1.5 C° Goal** – Runder Saal

Review & Results

- *Prof. Dr. Peter Hennicke*, Former President of the Wuppertal Institute for Climate, Environment and Energy

Paris Climate Agreement – How to keep up the momentum

- *Regine Richter*, Biologist, urgewald e.V., Germany

18:30 **Black Forest Buffet** with regional dishes – Konzerthaus Freiburg

20:00 ◆ **AGROkalyptse** – Konzerthaus Freiburg

Movie by Marco Keller

The movie from local director *Marco Keller* tells the story of the Brazilian indigenous people against the background of global meat consumption and demonstrates how we change the planet with food.

Interview with the director Marco Keller and one of the protagonists Wolfgang Heck

Interviewer: *Reinhild Dettmer-Finke*, Germany

SATURDAY, 12 MARCH 2016

09:00 ◆ **Laureates meet Young Talents** – UWC Robert Bosch College Freiburg

Round Table Discussions of laureates, young researchers, students and pupils

in cooperation with:

**UWC Robert Bosch College Freiburg, University of Freiburg and
Regierungspräsidium Freiburg**

09:00 **Welcome**

- *Laurence Nodder*; Director, UWC Robert Bosch College Freiburg

09:15 **The state and future of sustainability**

- *Michael Wadleigh*; Founder Homo Sapiens Foundation, Oscar winner, Film maker "Woodstock" documentary

10:00 ◆ **Round Table Discussions
Sustainable Development Goals – Governance for real
sustainability**

- **Expert Tables**
- **Open Tables**

12:30 Lunch break

14:00

Wrap up

- *Jenny Lay-Kumar*, PhD student, University Freiburg and scholarship holder German Environment Foundation (DBU)

14:45

Challenges of being a green entrepreneur in Haiti

- *Duquesne Fednard*, D. & E. Green Enterprises, Haiti

15:30

Music and market

- *Music performance by UWC students*
- *Exhibition of local sustainability initiatives*

16:30

◆ Communicative walk for laureates

19:00

◆ Laureates' dinner – Konzerthaus Freiburg with specialties from the region

20:30

◆ **POWER TO CHANGE – The EnergyRebellion** – Konzerthaus Freiburg

Exclusive movie premiere by the director Carl-A. Fechner

A journey to the heart of a historical unique event: the transformation of the world's energy supply to decentralized systems, fueled by renewable sources. Shot in Germany, Ukraine and Belgium, the POWER TO CHANGE is a dramatic narrative about passionate fighters for the energy transformation opposing scepticism, stagnation and energy dictatorship.

Interview with the director Carl-A. Fechner and reception with live-music

SUNDAY, 13 MARCH 2016

08:30

◆ Farewell Breakfast – in the Foyer of the Konzerthaus Freiburg

Invitation to the 6th Convention 2017

- *Dr. Bernd Dallmann*; Chairman, European Environment Foundation

A sustainable convention:

- The venue is **powered with green energy**
- The catering company “Genusswerkstatt” is a **certified organic caterer** and **uses mainly regional and seasonal products**
- Coffee & tea are **fair trade certified**
- To avoid motorized transport, the **venues and hotel can be reached by foot**
- Information on the participants and their work is all available online to **reduce paper and waste**
- With the **newly implemented EnviroNetwork** we continually try to further develop the online network: **www.environetwork.eu**

SPEAKERS OF THE 5TH INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION



Dennis van Berkel, Netherlands

Legal Counsel, Urgenda Foundation

Dennis van Berkel is the Legal Counsel of the Urgenda Foundation, who's main goal is a fast transition towards a sustainable society with a circular economy. Urgenda recently won a landmark lawsuit against the Dutch government, in which the district court of The Hague determined that the Dutch State is taking insufficient measures to prevent dangerous climate change, and ordered it to reduce its emissions by at least 25% before 2020 compared to 1990. Previous to working for Urgenda, Dennis van Berkel worked at Stibbe, specializing in competition law and European regulation, and the Dutch Competition Authority.



Duquesne Fednard, Haiti

D. & E. Green Enterprises

Duquesne Fednard has over 12 years of professional and entrepreneurial experience encompassing finance, management, operations and engineering in both developed and developing countries. Past positions include Director of NYE Business Solutions at Wildcat Service Corporation, Global Trade Associate at Citigroup, Consultant at CCT Solutions, Vice President at perfection Machine Shop (Haiti) and Founder of Imprimerie SA and Micro Mutual Funds.



Christian Felber, Austria

Founder of the "Economy for the Common Good"

Christian Felber is writer, university lecturer and independent dancer in Vienna. He is a co-founder of Attac Austria, the „Economy for the Common Good“ and the project „Bank for the Common Good“. Several bestsellers: „Let's save the Euro!“, „Change everything. Creating an Economy for the Common Good“ and „Money. The new rules of the game“, which was awarded to get the Abstract International Book Award 2014.



Rainer Griebhammer, Germany

Member of the executive board, Institute of Applied Ecology in Freiburg and director, Future Heritage Foundation

Rainer Griebhammer is a chemist, member of the executive board of the Institute of Applied Ecology in Freiburg and director of the future heritage foundation (Stiftung Zukunftserbe). He is specialized on product development and assesment. Founder of the product information campaign EcoTopTen. Developer of the PROSA, Product Sustainability Assesment method. He is also Member of the Board of Trustees, European Environment Foundation.



Peter Hennicke, Germany

Former President, Wuppertal Institute for Climate, Environment and Energy

Peter Hennicke studied economics and chemistry at the University of Heidelberg and was a member of the management board at the Institute of Applied Ecology in Freiburg for many years. At the Wuppertal Institute for Climate, Environment and Energy, he was the director of the energy department. In 2003, he has been elected president of the institute. Since 2014 he is a member of the Club of Rome and received the German Environmental Award. He is also winner of the Gothenburg Award for Sustainable Development 2015.



Poonam Joshi, United Kingdom

Director, London Office Global Human Rights Fund

Poonam Joshi joined the Fund as the Director of London Office in December 2012, and established its initiative on Activism under Threat. Prior to joining the Fund, Poonam worked for the Sigrid Rausing Trust, where she was Acting Director of the Women's Rights program and from March 2011 developed the Trust's new grant-making strategy for the Middle East and North Africa.



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Eelco Keij, Netherlands

Founder of KeyLance Consultancy LLC, New York
Fundraising & Development, Radboud University of Nijmegen

Eelco Keij is the founder of KeyLance Consultancy LLC in New York. As one of the few working in this niche area of rapidly increasing demand, he specializes in analyzing cross-border grants from US foundations with the goal to support nonprofits that seek assistance from these foundations. Eelco received his degree in Law from the University of Nijmegen (Netherlands), the College of Europe (Poland) and Columbia Law School (US).



Regine Richter, Germany

Campaigner, urgewald

Regine Richter works with the environmental and human rights organisation urgewald on energy topics and public banks and guarantees. urgewald focuses on fighting concrete projects such as the Bulgarian nuclear power plant Belene, or the Brazilian NPP Angra 3 as well as on sectors, such as financing for coal.



Dorothea Sick-Thies, Germany

Founder, Protect the Planet

Dorothea Sick-Thies is a committed environmental activist and entrepreneur who since many years campaigns actively for protection of nature and environment worldwide. As Founder of 'Protect the Planet' she works with important key players in the field of energy transition, supporting and promoting a peaceful revolution towards a world with 100% renewable energy.



Klaus Töpfer, Germany

Patron International Convention of Environmental Laureates

Klaus Töpfer was Director of the Institute for Advanced Sustainability Studies (IASS) based in Potsdam. He is also the former Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and was German Federal Minister for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety from 1987 to 1994.



Michael Wadleigh, United States/United Kingdom

Founder Homo Sapiens Foundation

Michael Wadleigh made more than a hundred films and won an academy award (an Oscar) for the landmark documentary on Woodstock, the apogee of the counterculture movement which launched sustainability into the public discourse as a major topic. For the last decade Michael and his partner Birgit van Munster have been the directors of the Homo Sapiens Foundation, whose emphasize is to communicate and popularize the science on big picture global sustainable development.





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This year for the first time you can get more information about the participants and contact them online. Take a closer look at fellow laureates and learn about their work and projects.

- ◆ Stay in touch with other participants
- ◆ Exchange ideas with like-minded people – built up your global network throughout the whole year.
- ◆ Find partners in other countries
- ◆ Make your work and project known
- ◆ Get support for your project
- ◆ Initiate joint projects with other users of EnviroNetwork
- ◆ Exchange your experience and knowledge



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LAUREATES AND REPRESENTATIVES OF ENVIRONMENTAL AWARDS



◆ **Karen Aghababyan**
Armenia
Chief Scientist, Head of
Environmental Lab
Whitley Awards

Karen Aghababyan has completed his PhD in Biology (specialization Zoology) in 2001. He was working in the Institute of Zoology of Armenian NAS until 2003 and works in environmental research center of American University of Armenia up to present. He is the National Coordinator from Armenia of "European Breeding Bird Atlas 2", an expert of two national foundations and expert of IUCN SSC. He has received 17 grants, one scholarship and one award and has published over 50 papers.



◆ **Mathew Akon**
Papua New Guinea
Senior Project Officer, Tenkile
Conservation Alliance (TCA)
Whitley Awards

Mathew Akon is Senior Project Officer of the Tenkile Conservation Alliance a NGO established in 2001 dedicated to the conservation of the remote Torricelli Mountain Range, a 250,000 ha area rich in wildlife. The Tenkile is one of several endangered species in the remote Torricelli Mountain range in Papua New Guinea.



◆ **Dipal Chandra Barua**
Bangladesh
Founder and Chairman,
Bright Green Energy Foundation
The Ashden Awards
Zayed Future Energy Prize

Dipal Chandra Barua was the Founding Managing Director of Grameen Shakti and the Co-Founder & Former Deputy Managing Director of Grameen Bank. Back in 1996, he has introduced an innovative financial model which has made Solar Home System Affordable to the rural people at the price of kerosene. He is replacing currently used traditional hazardous diesel pumps with Solar powered irrigation pumps in the remote areas of Bangladesh, which reduces dependency on weather and grid electricity.



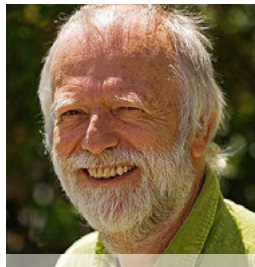
◆ **Andreas W. Bett**
Germany
Deputy Director, Fraunhofer
Institute for Solar Energy
Systems ISE
Becquerel Prize
German Environmental Prize

Andreas W. Bett is physicist. For more than 25 years he works at Fraunhofer Institute for Solar Energy Systems, ISE. He is deputy director of ISE and heading the division "Materials – Solar Cells and Technology". He is co-founder of the company Concentrix Solar, today Soitec Solar, which manufactures and installs CPV systems.



◆ **Maritta R. von Bieberstein Koch-Weser**
Germany
Chairman and Founder
Earth3000
Trophée de femmes

Maritta R. von Bieberstein Koch-Weser has a distinguished career spanning more than three decades in international development, as anthropologist and environmentalist. She has led major environmental & social assessment tasks, as well as investment programs in the environment, agriculture, forestry, mining, energy, and urban-industrial sectors. She is Founder and President of Earth3000, a NGO founded in 2001 to support strategic innovations in governance for environment and development.



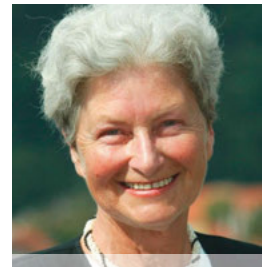
◆ **Claus Biegert**
Germany
Presenter,
The Nuclear-Free Future Award

Claus Biegert, born 1947, is a freelance writer, radio journalist, film maker and book author. Since 1973 he has intensive collaborations with Native Americans in Canada and the United States. Biegert is Lecturer at the German School of Journalism, Advisory Board Member of the Society for Threatened Peoples, Founder of the World Uranium Hearing (1992) and since 1998 director of the Nuclear-Free Future Award.



◆ **Oleg Bodrov**
Russian Federation
NGO Green World chair, expert
of Leningrad Reg. Legislative
Assembly
The Nuclear-Free Future Award

Oleg Bodrov is an engineer-physicist and environmentalist. From 1980 till 1993 he was head of a group of the Regional Ecological Laboratory of the Khlopin Radium Institute, St. Petersburg. Since 2005 he has been one of the initiators and head of an international NGO project for the promotion of safe decommissioning of the Russian nuclear power plants and final disposal of the radioactive waste, spent nuclear fuel on the basis of the best international practice.



◆ **Hildegard Breiner**
Austria
President, Nature Conservation
Vorarlberg,
Vice-Pres. N.C. Austria
**Binding-Prize for the
Protection of Nature and
Environment**
**The Nuclear-Free Future
Award**

Hildegard Breiner is co-founder of the Austrian and Austrian-Swiss / Austrian-German networks against nuclear power. She is working for renewable energies, against fracking and in relation to nature conservation.

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◆ **Ravi Corea**
United States
Founder, Sri Lanka Wildlife Conservation Society
Whitley Awards

Ravi Corea founded the Sri Lanka Wildlife Conservation Society in 1995 to establish a new paradigm for sustainable conservation that balances ecosystem protection and economic development within his native country of Sri Lanka. Ravi's focus is in developing practical initiatives that ensure the long-term conservation of Sri Lanka's endangered Asian elephant population while concurrently ensuring the economic wellbeing of the rural poor affected by elephant depredations.



◆ **Milkyas Debebe**
Ethiopia
Founder and Executive Director, New Life Ethiopian Residents charity
The Ashden Awards

Milkyas Debebe received a certificate on contributing to clean indoor air worldwide from PCIA in Bangalore, India and Training on Indoor Air Pollution measuring techniques by CEIHD at the University of California Berkley. Debebe is Co-Writer of a paper on "Clean energy for development: The environmental and socioeconomic benefits of ethanol as a household cooking fuel in Ethiopia" and participated in a research report "Will African Consumers Buy Cleaner Fuels and Stoves?" prepared by SEI.



◆ **Vidya Sagar Devabhaktuni**
India
President, SKG SANGHA
The Ashden Awards

Vidya Sagar Devabhaktuni is responsible for building about 145,000 biodigesters. This is the highest number by a single organization in the world. The result is the emission reduction to a tune of more than one million tons of carbon dioxide every year.



◆ **Barbara Ehringhaus**
Switzerland
President, tri-national umbrella NGO ProMONT-BLANC
Trophée de femmes

Barbara Ehringhaus served as consultant for environmental education and programmes for the World Scout Bureau, for WWF-Switzerland and WWF-International. During the 90's she set up the internship for young indigenous leaders with the UN Human Rights Committee liaising them with environmental and development organizations. Since 1997 she presides a tri-national umbrella NGO for alpine protection in cooperation with the Alpine Convention, IUCN, UNESCO, CIPRA and the Mountain Partnership.



◆ **Ulrich Eichelmann**
Austria
CEO, NGO Riverwatch
Binding-Prize for the Protection of Nature and Environment

Ulrich Eichelmann's speciality is campaigning against hydro power plants. He worked 17 years for WWF, after that he founded the NGO Riverwatch – a society for the protection of rivers. He fought against the Ilisu dam in Turkey and produced a documentary about the misuse of the climate protection issue: Climate Crimes. Right now he is leading the campaign for the protection of the rivers on the Balkans, where more than 2,700 new dams are threatening Europe's best rivers.



◆ **Duquesne Fednard**
Haiti
CEO of D&E Enterprises
The Ashden Awards

Duquesne Fednard has over 12 years of professional and entrepreneurial experience encompassing finance, management, operations and engineering in both developed and developing countries. Past positions include Director of NYE Business Solutions at Wildcat Service Corporation, Global Trade Associate at Citigroup, Consultant at CCT Solutions, Vice President at perfection Machine Shop (Haiti) and Founder of Impremerie SA and Micro Mutual Funds.



◆ **Debesai Ghebrehwet**
Uganda
Manager and Designer for different stoves and renewable energy
The Ashden Awards

Debesai Ghebrehwet is a renewable energy specialist, laureate and innovator of high efficient improved stoves, Energy Efficient Gas stoves and brick designs and this year he is also sole-founder of Africa Earth Keepers company limited which is active in producing highly efficient, clean and improved stove integrated solar power systems and different bricks for an easy and affordable construction in Uganda.



◆ **Paola Ghillani**
Switzerland
Founder, Paola Ghillani & Friends Ltd
Binding-Prize for the Protection of Nature and Environment

Paola Ghillani founded her own company, the Paola Ghillani & Friends Ltd., active in corporate strategies and management consulting and in promoting and implementing sustainable development and ethic in business. More than a company, it's a philosophy with the vision: For a better world through the economy. She completed her business background at the IMD in Lausanne, with a degree in International General Management and the International Program for Board Management.



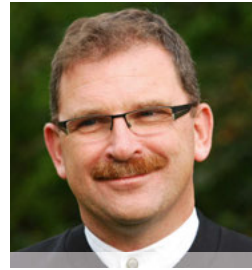
◆ **José F. González-Maya**
Colombia
Scientific Director, The Sierra to Sea Institute and ProCAT Colombia/International
Future for Nature Award

José F. González-Maya is biologist, MSc in biodiversity conservation and PhD in Sciences. He works in biodiversity conservation, mostly by using science as the basis for supporting planning and decision-making. He currently serves as Co-Chair of the IUCN/SSC Small Carnivore Specialist Group, Vice-president of the Colombian Mammalogy Society, and is Editor-in-chief for the Latin American Journal of Conservation, Small Carnivore Conservation and Mammalogy Notes.



◆ **Rainer Grießhammer**
Germany
Member Board of Trustees, European Environment Foundation
German Environmental Prize

Rainer Grießhammer is a chemist, member of the executive board of the Institute of Applied Ecology in Freiburg and director of the future heritage foundation (Stiftung Zukunftserbe). He is specialized in product development and assessment. Founder of the product information campaign EcoTopTen. Developer of the PROSA, Product Sustainability Assessment method.



◆ **Goran Gugić**
Croatia
Senior Adviser Protected Areas and NATURA 2000
EuroNatur-Award

Goran Gugić is Managing Director at Lonjsko Polje Nature Park Public Institution and graduated from the Forestry Faculty of Ludwig-Maximilians University in Munich. He moved to Croatia despite of the war, and headed Lonjsko Polje Nature Park as its first director. He is a member of WCPA, chairman of the Croatian UNESCO MAB Committee and STRP National Focal Point of the Ramsar Convention. Gugić received the EuroNatur-Award 2011 for his achievements in protecting European natural heritage.



◆ **Silvia Hämmerle**
Germany
Chairwoman, Life-Giving Forest e.V.
Trophée de femmes

Silvia Hämmerle is founder and chairwoman of the Life-Giving Forest e.V. The association supports persons with disabilities in raising and sustainably utilizing a nearly-natural forest in the Philippines. Priority issues are inclusion of persons with disabilities, sustainable livelihoods and environmental education. She is also manager of the Friends of the Earth District Stuttgart.



◆ **Cornelia Hesse-Honegger**
Switzerland
Artist
The Nuclear-Free Future Award

Cornelia Hesse-Honegger worked as scientific illustrator for the University of Zürich. Illustrations of *Drosophila* flies, wild and mutated forms. After the accident of Chernobyl, she began her own field studies in Chernobyl fallout areas: in Sweden & Switzerland, and since then in self-financed field studies around nuclear installations in Europe & USA. Her studies show that widely accepted ionizing radiation emissions of nuclear plants cause terrible deformation to true bugs and other insects.



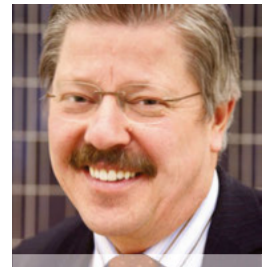
◆ **Wolfgang Heuss**
Germany
Presenter
The Nuclear-Free Future Award

Wolfgang Heuss, a Munich-based retired translation teacher, has been active in the anti-nuclear movement since 2003. Previous civil society activities include the anti-Vietnam war movement during his years in the US and the German anti-war movement of the 1980s. He now focuses on volunteer work for the Nuclear-Free Future Award



◆ **Heike Hoedt**
Germany
Vice President, Solare Bruecke, CEO, Simply Solar
The Nuclear-Free Future Award

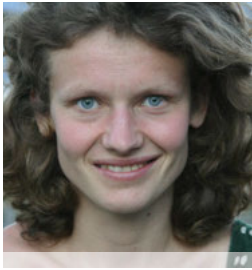
Heike Hoedt is board member of Solare Bruecke for over a decade now and has guided numerous projects around the world. She was working extensively with the Afghan Bedmoschk Solar Center, implementing renewable energy in Afghanistan. She is an advisor to the India One Solar Powerplant in Rajasthan, India. In 2010 she initiated Simply Solar, an engineering and consultancy company that clubs together the efforts of various people in the field of alternative solar technologies.



◆ **Winfried Hoffmann**
Germany
Owner & independant consultant, Solar Pioneer by WREN (World Renewable Energy Network)
Becquerel Prize

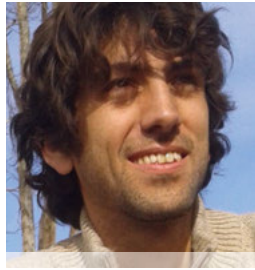
Winfried Hoffmann is working in the PV industry. He was CEO of the company ASE (Applied Solar Energy GmbH, a JV between RWE and DASA), and later RWE Solar GmbH. In 2002 the company transferred to RWE SCHOTT Solar, in 2005 to SCHOTT Solar. From 2007 to 2011 he was managing director of Applied Materials GmbH & Co. KG that manufactures equipment for the solar business. Since 2012 he is member of the supervisory board of SMA Solar Technology AG and Solar-Fabrik AG.

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- ◆ **Michaela Hogenboom Kindle**
Liechtenstein
Facilitator of change towards sustainability, Symbiose **Binding-Prize for the Protection of Nature and Environment**

Michaela Hogenboom Kindle's mission is to foster a connected and sustainable society in Liechtenstein and beyond. As co-founder of Symbiose she puts this mission in practice through consulting and community projects. She has been the Dutch Youth Representative on Sustainable Development to the UN and she worked as a Process Coordinator for Sustainable Development at HAN University of Applied Science.



- ◆ **Luciano Iribarren**
Argentina
Biologist and science teacher **UNESCO Sultan Qaboos Prize for Environmental Preservation**

Luciano Iribarren is a biologist, science teacher and environmental education researcher. He focuses most of his work in the Delta del Parana Biosphere Reserve. With his group, he develops outreach projects to help islanders to start sustainable native plants production and riparian forests restoration. He is involved in education and teacher training for the protection and ecological restoration of Parana Delta wetlands and native forests.



- ◆ **Mohammad Zahirul Islam**
Bangladesh
Biologist, Executive Director, Marinelife Alliance **Whitley Awards**

Mohammad Zahirul Islam holds a Master Degree in Zoology of the Duke University Marine Lab (USA) and has experience in sea turtle monitoring, conservation and satellite tracking. In 2000, after working as a field and wildlife biologist, he became project officer and one year later turtle expert of MOEF. From 2004 till 2006 he worked as Wildlife Biodiversity Management Specialist. In 2007 he founded the MarineLife Alliance and since then he has been its executive director.



- ◆ **Kristin Kaschner**
Germany
Research Associate & Lecturer **Zayed International Prize for the Environment**

Kristin Kaschner is a marine biologist, member of the IUCN Cetacean Specialist Group & Marine Mammal Task Force on Protected Areas. She has worked for UN FAO, UNEP and WCMC providing advice about global marine conservation issues and contributed to the 2005 Millenium Ecosystem Assessment and the UN Ocean Assessment. With her students at the United World Robert Bosch College in Freiburg she is trying to initiate a variety of grass root sustainability projects around the world.



- ◆ **Elias Kindle**
Liechtenstein
Founder and projec leader Smybiose Consulting and Symbiose Community **Binding-Prize for the Protection of Nature and Environment**

Elias Kindle's focus at the moment lies on supporting the transition towards a connected and sustainable society in Liechtenstein and beyond with different projects. His heart beats for education towards unfolding potential of children. In the past he studied Environmental Engineering on a Bachelor's level before doing the Master's study in Strategic Leadership towards Sustainability. Kindle founded two organizations to foster change within companies and society.



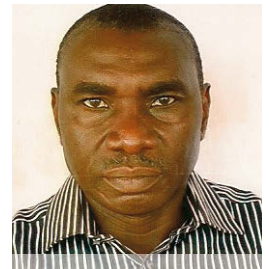
- ◆ **Inza Kone**
Ivory Coast
Director of Research and Development at the Centre Suisse de Recherches Scientifiques en Côte d'Ivoire **Whitley Awards Future for Nature Award**

Inza Kone is a lecturer at the Faculty of Biosciences of the University Félix Houphouët-Boigny, Abidjan, Ivory Coast and Director of Research and Development at the Centre Suisse de Recherches Scientifiques en Côte d'Ivoire. His current work focuses on natural resource management and the conservation of large mammal species, especially primates. This work makes the link between ecology, economy and culture for the empowerment of rural communities.



- ◆ **Maarten Kooiman**
Belgium
Co-founder, Tapazz **The Ashden Awards**

Tapazz: Need a car? rent it from your neighbours. The Tapazz software platform takes care of the verifications, booking flow and payments. 1 shared car can replace up to 12 other cars. This means less material wasted, less emissions wasted and less space wasted. Tapazz: together for sustainable mobility.



- ◆ **Faustin Kopangoye**
Gabun
Secrétaire Général, NGO Environment Gabon **TIME Magazine "Heroes of the Environment"**

Founding President of the Network of Living Labs for Sustainable Development (RELLDDI), General Secretary NGO Environment Gabon since 2004 with an ecotourism site in the National Park PONGARA, Member of Gabon's National Parks Management Committee on Corporate Social Responsibility and the management of forest operations-related conflicts, mining and industrial agro project to create an archipelago of islands in the RELLDDI Aires protected Lambaréné, Gabon.



◆ **Nadezda Kutepova**
Russian Federation
President, NGO The Planet of Hopes
The Nuclear-Free Future Award

Nadezda Kutepova is a human and environmental rights lawyer. She defends human rights of nuclear victims of first world nuclear accident (Mayak 1957) and people who still are living in the most nuclear contaminated area of Russia – the Chelyabinsk region. The planet of hopes was admitted from a Russian court as a foreign agent and accused with espionage. For this reason, she had to leave Russia.



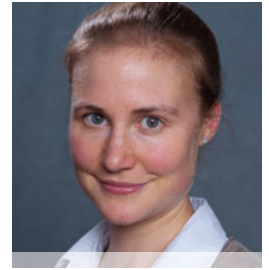
◆ **David Lowry**
United Kingdom
Research consultant
The Nuclear-Free Future Award

David Lowry is an independent research consultant with specialist knowledge of UK and EU nuclear & environment policy. He was a member of the UK Energy Secretary's Geological Disposal Implementation Board from 2012-2014. In 2014 he wrote a briefing for the World Institute for Nuclear Security (WINS) in Vienna on the security of dry storage of spent nuclear fuel (SNF); in 2016 he has prepared a briefing on Nuclear Insecurities in the UK. He is currently a senior research fellow at the Institute for Resource and Security Studies in Cambridge, Massachusetts, USA.



◆ **Joachim Luther**
Germany
Director Emeritus, Fraunhofer ISE
TIME Magazine Hero of the Environment
German Environmental Prize
Becquerel Prize

Joachim Luther's main focus areas are: solar electricity generation, solar and energy efficient buildings and sustainable energy systems. Since 1993 he was full professor for solid state physics and solar energy at the University of Freiburg and in parallel to this director of the Fraunhofer Institute for Solar Energy Systems (ISE).



◆ **Lena Mahr**
Germany
Consultant energy management, Siemens AG
Empowering People Award

Lena Mahr is a M.Sc. in Carbon Management with a Business Administration background. She was working in different organizations as Oceana, Duany Plater-Zyberk & Co. LLC and Siemens in several countries. She conducted the research regarding the Jompy water heater including the Carbon and Energy Assessment as well as the Water and Health assessment of the Jompy water heater. Parallel to her job with Siemens she is responsible for R&D and project management for the Jompy.



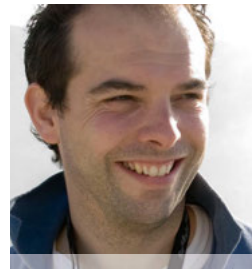
◆ **Natalia Manzurova**
Russian Federation
Scientific Radiologist, Consultant for the effects of radiation on nature objects
The Nuclear-Free Future Award

Natalia Manzurova worked 10 years as scientific assistant at the Scientific Experimental and Research Center ONIS, where scientists studied the effect of radiation on nature objects after the nuclear accident in the Mayak facility in 1957. Then Manzurova worked 4 and a half years as leading engineer in the decontamination department on the re-vegetation of contaminated territory and on the storing of nuclear waste in the district Chernobyl.



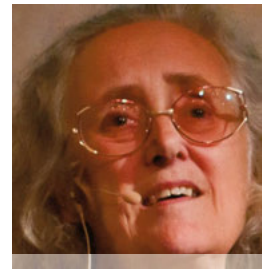
◆ **Alistair Marsden**
United Kingdom
Commercial Manager, Dulas
The Ashden Awards

Alistair Marsden is the commercial manager of Dulas. The Dulas mission is to improve lives through renewable energy and sustainable technology and seeks to meet these goals through ongoing commitments to equality and diversity, sustainability, quality management and health and safety.



◆ **Andrew McGonigle**
United Kingdom
Volcanologist, University of Sheffield
Rolux Awards

Andrew McGonigle develops techniques for monitoring volcanoes, with a view to better understand how they work and in order to better protect humans from volcanic activity. He is also interested in the changes to the climate system caused by volcanic activity.



◆ **Marilyn Mehlmann**
Sweden
Head of Research & Training
The Rachel Carson Prize

Marilyn Mehlmann works for Global Action Plan International, an international network working to empower people to live and work sustainably. Her experience combines empowerment with action research to co-create new methods and tools for personal and professional development, including a 'Learning for Change' methodology offered together with SWEDES. She is also a Vice-President of the Union of International Associations (UIA), and member of several advisory boards.

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◆ **Golden Misabiko**
Congo
Human Rights Defender,
Consultant Researcher on
Natural Resources
**The Nuclear-Free Future
Award**

Golden Misabiko is a university graduate in economics and English. He has interests and expertise in human rights, social economic and cultural rights, economy, good governance, peace building, conflict resolution, enforced disappearance issues transparency, democracy and public policy analysis, natural resources and corporate social responsibilities.



◆ **Judith Molnár**
Romania
President, ARBOR Entrepreneurs
Association, project manager,
Eco-Trend Association
ÖGUT Environmental Award

Judith Molnár is a physicist, eco-manager, quality/environmental health and safety lead auditor, Eco Business project manager and executive director of Certop. She is initiator of several institutions, projects, programs in the social and environmental field: Naturland Foundation, Chance Foundation, Youth Information and Counselling Office, Programme for disabled youth and president of ARBOR Entrepreneurial Association in Gheorgheni.



◆ **Tri Mumpuni**
Indonesia
Executive Director of People
Centered Business and
Economic Initiative
**Climate Hero WWF
International**

Tri Mumpuni has been campaigning for decades to replace diesel power plant with micro hydro plant to develop rural economic growth in Indonesia. Successfully installed more than 70 Hydroplants in Indonesia, she has worked on renewable energy production with key stakeholders including Indonesian Ministry of Energy and Mineral, since 2 April 2015 – till present she is Senior Advisor to the Minister on New and Renewable Energy.



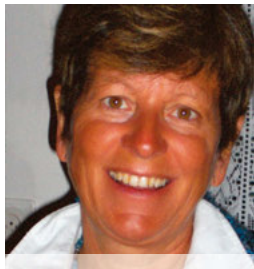
◆ **Ramesh Kumar Nibhoria**
India
Chairman and Managing
Director, Nishant Bioenergy
Consultancy and Nishant
Bioenergy (P) Ltd.
The Ashden Awards

Ramesh Kumar Nibhoria is a specialist in Mechanical Engineering at the Chandigarh College of Engineering and Technology, Chandigarh, India (1987). He is both alumni of Global Social Benefiting Incubator -2007 University of Santa Clara, California, US and of GSBI-Accelerator 2013, University of Santa Clara, California, US. Nibhoria is designer of several Biomass to Energy equipments for cooking and biomass processing. He specialises in biomass pellet plants and pellet fuelled cook stoves and burners.



◆ **Nikola Nikolov**
Macedonia
Professor and Head, Regional
Fire Monitoring Center
Green Star Awards

Nikola Nikolov, is a full Professor at the Faculty of Forestry in Skopje where he also founded the Regional Fire Monitoring Center (RFMC), which he is leading. He is an expert in the field of forest fire protection and the Coordinator of the UN-ISDR Regional South East European/Caucasus Wildland Fire Network since 2005.



◆ **Regula Ochsner**
Switzerland
CEO, Association pour le
Développement de l'Energie
Solaire, Suisse-Madagascar
Trophée de femmes

Regula Ochsner is the founder and CEO of the NGO ADES (Association pour le Développement de l'Energie Solaire, Suisse-Madagascar). The objective of this program is to provide solar cookers and efficient stoves. This is an important contribution to stop the deforestation process and thereby preserve the enormous biodiversity of Madagascar.



◆ **Phyllis Omido**
Kenya
Co-founder, CJGEA
**The Goldman Environmental
Prize**

Phyllis Omido is a co-founder of The Center for Justice Governance and Environmental Action – CJGEA. CJGEA is working for the realization of environmental/socioeconomic rights of the economically marginalized communities residing around attractive industries in Kenyan Coastal region. Her work has been realized through mainstreaming a human rights based approach to environmental governance basing on procedural rights.



◆ **Balgis Osman Elasha**
Sudan
Climate change expert, African
Development Bank.
Champions of the Earth Award

Balgis Osman Elasha holds a PhD in Forestry Science, Master in Environmental Science and a Bachelor of Science. She has more than 17 years' experience in different climate change issues with special focus on vulnerability and adaptation assessment related to African countries and the Middle East.



◆ **Marion Pancur**
Germany
Presenter,
The Nuclear-Free Future Award

Marion Pancur, is managing director of the Nuclear-Free Future Award Foundation (NFFA), a nonprofit organization based in Munich. Since 1998 the Nuclear-Free Future Award honors people worldwide who create a world free of nuclear power and nuclear weapons. The central message: Leave the uranium in the ground! She also works for the city of Munich. She is responsible for public relations regarding unaccompanied underaged refugees.



◆ **Jamal Mohamed Safi**
Palestinian
Chairman, EPRI, Gaza
Zayed International Prize for the Environment

Jamal Safi is Professor at Al-Azhar University-Gaza and Founder Chairman of the Environmental Protection & Research Institute, Gaza, since 1989. He has 25 years' experience in Chemistry and Toxicology of Pesticides and their impact on human health and the environment. In addition he has wide and professional experience in teaching, research and development in the fields of environment, public health and agriculture.



◆ **Mozghan Savabieasfahani**
Iran
Environmental toxicologist,
University of Michigan
The Rachel Carson Prize

Mozghan Savabieasfahani works intensive to improve public awareness on the devastating effects of war on the environment and on public health. In particular she has brought public attention to the increase in levels of birth defects in Iraq and how these defects can be associated with chemical contamination during the 2003 war. She is a dedicated scientist who has published extensively in scientific journals, within the field of environmental toxicology.



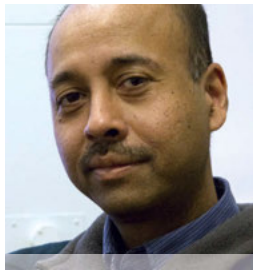
◆ **Wolfgang Scheffler**
Germany
President, Solare Bruecke
The Nuclear Free Future Award

Wolfgang Scheffler holds a masters degree in physics. Inventor of the Scheffler parabolic Reflector. Since 2001 active in promoting better decision making processes: "If only our common decision-making could be improved worldwide, there would be less mess to clean up from all the problems we create by decisions which don't meet the real needs". In 2015 he made a superbly effective participatory decision-making process eligible to the German voters by forming a new political movement around it.



◆ **Oliver Schultz-Wittmann**
Germany
Director R&D Crystalline Silicon
SolarWorld Einstein Award

Oliver Schultz-Wittmann has started with photovoltaics in 1998. During his career, he worked on multiple aspects of crystalline silicon solar cell technology at the Fraunhofer ISE. He was head of the High-Efficiency Silicon Solar Cell development group at Fraunhofer ISE before he left for Silicon Valley, California, in 2008. In 2009 he was a co-founder of a start-up company called TetraSun.



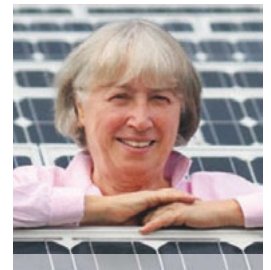
◆ **Bhaskar Sen Gupta**
United Kingdom
Professor in Water Technology
Heriot-Watt University EDINBURGH Campus
The St Andrews Prize for the Environment

Bhaskar Sen Gupta is Professor in Water Technology at the Heriot-Watt University, EDINBURGH Campus. He specialises in community water supply to resource poor communities. His work on arsenic remediation from groundwater in the Ganges and Mekong delta has received international recognition. Apart from teaching and research at Heriot-Watt University, he is involved in setting up community water supply plants in many parts of Asia.



◆ **Hammerskjoeld Simwinga**
Zambia
Owens Foundation for Wildlife
Conversation, Inc.
The Goldman Environmental Prize
TIME Magazine "Heroes of the Environment"

Hammerskjoeld Simwinga holds a degree in agriculture from Zambia College of Agriculture and the City & Guilds of London Institute, Lusaka (Zambia). He currently directs a non-profit program that assists rural Zambian villagers with sustainable, environmentally sound agriculture, small business development, education and health programs through micro-lending. The programs are based on wildlife and environmental conservation.



◆ **Ursula Sladek**
Germany
Founder EWS
German Environmental Prize

Ursula Sladek founded the citizen's initiative "Parents for a nuclear-free future" after the catastrophe of Chernobyl in 1986. Together with others she founded the EWS after a turbulent decade of fighting against the local energy monopolist and took over the energy distribution network of Schönau in 1997. In 2000 she became managing director, in 2009 member of the managing board of the new founded EWS cooperative.

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- ◆ **Andreas Speich**
Switzerland
Conservator of Forests retired, private consultant forestry and climate change
Binding-Prize for the Protection of Nature and Environment

Andreas Speich studied chemistry and forestry at the ETH Zurich. He globally contributed to the planting of around one billion trees. With his retirement in 1995 he became an activist in eco-tourism. At present he is working on the promotion of globally operating Air Forest Fire Fighting Fleets. He became a laureate due to his successful initiative to convert a large part of the old growth City Forest of Zurich to a strict nature reserve.



- ◆ **Heinz Stockinger**
Austria
Retired university teacher
The Nuclear-Free Future Award

Heinz Stockinger played a key role in Austria's "no" to nuclear power in the 1978 referendum, and in the cross-border fight against nuclear waste reprocessing at Wackersdorf in Germany. As president of the Salzburg Platform against Nuclear Dangers (PLAGE), he was involved in several campaigns that led to the Nuclear-Free Austria Constitutional Law and the Austrian Nuclear Liability Law in 1999.



- ◆ **Zelealem Tefera Ashenafi**
Ethiopia
Country Representative, Born Free Foundation Ethiopia
Bruno H. Schubert-Prize

At the moment Zelealem Tefera Ashenafi is working for the Born Free Foundation which is a wildlife conservation charity, working to stop individual wild animals suffering and protect threatened species as well as supporting the management of protected areas. In this context he runs the activity of the foundation in Ethiopia carrying out conservation work to wildlife species, wild animal welfare and management of wildlife areas.



- ◆ **Samson Tsegaye**
Ethiopia
Country Director, Solar Energy Foundation
The Ashden Awards

Samson Tsegaye is working as leader for different organizations. He is the Country Director of Solar Energy Foundation since 2006. The foundation established the first solar village in Ethiopia and installed over 30,000 solar lighting systems for rural parts of the country.



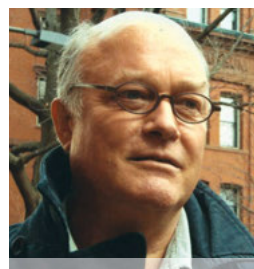
- ◆ **Masood Ul Mulik**
Pakistan
CEO, Sarhad Rural Support Programme (SRSP)
The Ashden Awards

Masood Ul Mulik is a leading Pakistani expert on humanitarian aid and a renowned development practitioner. He is the CEO of SRSP. SRSP is the largest NGO proactive in promoting and supporting renewable energy in impoverished areas, which have not been connected to the main national grid, even 65 years after independence.



- ◆ **Carlos Roberto Vasquez Almazan**
Guatemala
Amphibians Researcher and Conservationist, Fundaeco, Curator of Herpetology
Whitley Awards

Carlos Roberto Vasquez Almazan is a biologist and conservationist with emphasis in critical endangered biodiversity sites in Guatemala. He carries out surveys and established a network of nature reserves through the country for amphibian conservation. He also established two amphibians' reserves in Guatemala and organized support for the creation of a new National Park in Guatemala.



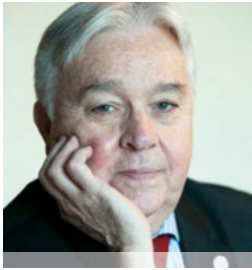
- ◆ **Bertram Verhaag**
Germany
Director and Producer
B.A.U.M. Umweltpreis

In 1976, together with Claus Strigel, Bertram Verhaag established DENKmal, a film production company. For over 30 years, he has been making documentaries through his own production company, DENKmal-Film. As a filmmaker, he sees himself as an active participant in the movement towards more humanity, greater respect for nature and sustainability. He encourages his audience to think, to engage – and to act.



- ◆ **Ernst Ulrich von Weizsäcker**
Germany
Board of Trustees, European Environment Foundation
German Environmental Prize

Ernst Ulrich von Weizsäcker is Co-Chair of the International Panel on Sustainable Resource Use. He worked as professor for Interdisciplinary Biology; also he was the founding president of the University of Kassel. Von Weizsäcker has been a Member of the Bundestag (German Parliament); SPD for twenty years, he was Chairman of the Bundestag Study Commission on Economic Globalisation. He is also Co-President of the Club of Rom.



◆ **Paul Walker**
United States
Director, Environmental Security & Sustainability, Green Cross International
Right Livelihood Award

Paul Walker is the International Director of the Environmental Security and Sustainability (ESS) Program for Green Cross International (GCI). The ESS Program is an international effort to facilitate the safe demilitarization, nonproliferation, and remediation of weapons stockpiles and high toxic waste. He is a former Professional Staff Member of the Armed Services Committee in the U.S. House of Representatives.



◆ **Alyn Ware**
New Zealand
Global Coordinator, Parliamentarians for Nuclear Nonproliferation and Disarmament
Right Livelihood Award

Alyn Ware is a peace educator and nuclear disarmament policy analyst from New Zealand. He is the Global Coordinator of Parliamentarians for Nuclear Nonproliferation and Disarmament. He also serves as the Director of the Basel Peace Office, International Representative for the Peace Foundation, Member of the World Future Council and Consultant for the International Association of Lawyers against Nuclear Arms.



◆ **Eicke R. Weber**
Germany
Chairman of the Board of Trustees, European Environment Foundation
SolarWorld Einstein Award

Eicke R. Weber is Director of the Fraunhofer Institut for Solar Energy Systems ISE and Professor for Physics / Solar Energy at the Faculty of Mathematics and Physics and at the Faculty of Engineering of the Albert-Ludwig-University of Freiburg, Germany. The focus of Prof. Weber's own research is the analysis of lattice defects in Si and compound semiconductors.



◆ **Keith Wheaton-Green**
United Kingdom
Climate Change Officer
The Ashden Awards

Since 1999 he has been an excitement organiser in his role with South Somerset District Council and in his independent and voluntary work. He has been a key driver in the formation and development of the South Somerset, Stour and Vale and West Dorset Hydropower Groups of site owners. He has helped and encourage enthusiasm to install small run of river hydro in England.



◆ **Jutta Wiesenthal**
Germany
Presenter,
The Nuclear-Free Future Award

Jutta Wiesenthal has worked in various countries organizing art, charity and sport events. She is project manager of the award ceremonies of the Nuclear-Free Future Award Foundation. The Chernobyl disaster in 1986 made her a devoted activist against nuclear power. Since 1992 she is a team member of those, who honour activists worldwide, struggling to end the nuclear age: The Nuclear-Free Future Award.



◆ **Joachim Wüning**
Germany
General manager, WS Wärme-prozessstechnik GmbH
German Environmental Prize

Joachim Wüning's company is developing, producing and selling low pollutant and highly efficient gas burners for heating high temperature industrial furnaces. Besides running the company, the engineer is involved in combustion research and actively participates in several national and international research projects regarding clean and efficient combustion.



◆ **Tjan Zaotschnaya**
Germany
Presenter,
The Nuclear-Free Future Award

Since 1992 Tjan Zaotschnaya is working as assistant at the department of Slavistik at the LMU-University in Munich. Since 1990 she supports different initiatives of Indigenous people in Russia, establishing contacts to Indigenous organisations in and out of Russia. In 1992 she was responsible for the Siberian representatives at the World Uranium Hearing Salzburg. She is member of the Organisation of "Gesellschaft für bedrohte Völker".



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The aim of the European Environment Foundation is for a larger segment of the population to be made aware of the need for worldwide environmental policies. Other goals include **strengthening political institutions and encouraging academic research** to discover unknown connections and devise **new solutions for sustainable methods of handling natural resources**. Special attention will be focused on encouraging young people to consider these issues.

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Eicke R. Weber
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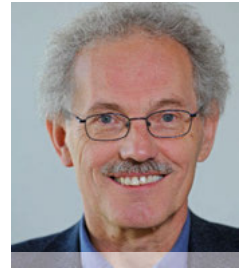
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Monika Griefahn
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Co-chair, Right Livelihood Award Foundation / Former Minister for the Environment Niedersachsen



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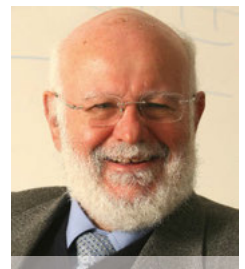
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Former President, German Solar Energy Society (DGS)



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Inventor DESERTEC



Jeremy Leggett
United Kingdom
Founder and Chairman, Solarcentury / Author Sublime Magazine



Antonio Luque
Spain
Academician of Royal academy of engineering / Foreign Member of Russian Academy of Sciences



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Italy
Italian politician / Member of Legambiente



Marcello Palazzi
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