



CONCLUSIONS **Euro-Med Award Presidency of the Jury Meeting**

A) PRESIDENCY OF THE JURY

As of 2009, the Presidency of the Jury will be composed by 9 members, including the ALF Executive Director and the Fondazione Mediterraneo President, according to the following geographic distribution:

- FOUR European Countries: 1 from North/Western Europe + 1 from Southern Europe + 1 Eastern/Central Europe + 1 Balkan Region
- THREE Mediterranean partner countries: 1 Maghreb + 2 from Machrek and Middle East

The 2009 Presidency of the Jury will consist of:
Egypt, Morocco, Turkey, Croatia, Czech Republic, Portugal, Sweden, Italy and the ALF Executive Director.

The role of the Presidency of the Jury is to primarily choose the annual theme/topic of the award, participate in the selection of the 5 short-list finalists, and finally to identify the methodology and mechanism of the award and the winner selection process.

B) AWARD ANNUAL THEME

The theme of the 2009 edition will be:

“Intercultural Dialogue to Save Our Planet from the Climate Change”

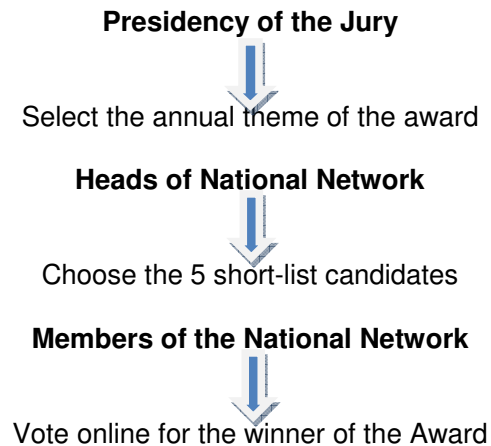
The prize will reward individuals or organizations addressing the global environmental challenge with innovative intercultural approaches, and acting in one of the six strategic fields of the Foundation (Ideas and Ideologies, Education, Cultural Production, Media, Religion and Spirituality, Cities and Diversity).

The theme has been chosen taking into account the following elements:

- 5th World Water Forum 2009 (Istanbul, Turkey): It is one of the major events taking place this year on water issues and sustainable development.
- Approximately 30 % per cent of the national network members work in the field of Environment and Sustainable Development.
- In the light of the current international negotiations on the Kyoto Protocol (the 2008 and 2009 international conferences of the Post-Kyoto Protocol will take place in Poland and Denmark) and of the major EU leading role for climate protection in the global scene.
- The *Union for the Mediterranean* has identified the degradation of the environment, including climate change, as one of the important challenges facing the Euro-Med region, for which specific projects will be developed.

C) AWARD METHODOLOGY AND SELECTION PROCESS

The Euro-Med For Dialogue between Cultures is the award of the networks. The same methodology adopted in 2008 will apply in 2009. See below:



D) NOMINATION CRITERIA

- Candidates of the Award shall bear the nationality of one of the member countries of the Euro-Med Partnership, or of its observer countries.
- Nomination proposals should include a C.V. of the candidate (maximum 3 pages). The résumé should highlight the most recent achievements of the candidate over the last 3 years.
- A candidate can be proposed either as an individual or as the representative of an organization.
- A nomination can be jointly presented by several members of national networks.
- Winners of previous editions of awards granted by Fondazione Mediterraneo cannot be proposed as candidates.

E) CRITERIA FOR PRE-SELECTION OF SHORT-LIST CANDIDATES

- (a) Quality of application and relevance of field of work of the applicant to the award's annual theme;
- (b) Number of supporting nominations for the candidate, taking into account the number of countries from which nominations had been expressed;
- (c) As 'youth' is a key priority group for Anna Lindh Foundation, special attention will be given to candidates who have actively worked with young people;
- (d) Most recent achievements of the candidate over the last 3 years.

F) AWARD TIME AGENDA

The Agenda of the 2009 Award will be advanced of one month compared to 2008:

- Launch of the Award online: 1st of March
- Deadline for nomination: 31st of April
- Submission of the shortlist of candidates by the Heads : 30th of May
- Selection of the final winner(s): 15th of June
- Official announcement of the winner(s): 30th of June

G) PROGRAMME OF THE WINNER

The Winner will be invited to attend the awarding ceremony and to participate in at least TWO national networks events, of which one should be in the South.

H) PROMOTION AND VISIBILITY

The Anna Lindh Foundation will recommend to the Heads of National Network to dedicate a special page on their online websites for the Euro-Med Award.

The Anna Lindh Foundation and Fondazione Mediterraneo will make a press release to be disseminated to the wide media/press contacts of the Heads of Networks.

The Anna Lindh Foundation will print a brochure on the winner of the Euro-Med Award to be disseminated to the Heads of Network.

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