



Der Generalsekretär

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NOTICE TO MEMBERS

By Decision of 6 July 1988 and in accordance with the Resolution adopted by the European Parliament on 13 December 1985, the Enlarged Bureau of the Parliament (the Enlarged Bureau was the predecessor of the Conference of Presidents), instituted the 'Sakharov Prize for Freedom of Thought'.

At its meeting of 14 June 2006, the Conference of Presidents adopted a revised Statute for this prize.

The prize is awarded annually, for particular achievement in one of the following fields:

- the defence of human rights and fundamental freedoms, particularly the right to free expression,
- the safeguarding of the rights of minorities,
- the respect for international law,
- the development of democracy and implementation of the rule of law.

Nominations must obtain the support of at least 40 Members of the European Parliament or that of a political group. Individual Members may only support one candidate. Nominations must be signed and include supporting evidence.

Nominations for the award of the 2013 Sakharov Prize must be submitted to the Human Rights Actions Unit (WIB 7M087 telephone: +32 228 42291, fax: +32 228 40728 , e-mail: aneta.popescu@europarl.europa.eu and SDM G01006, telephone: +33 388 172456, e-mail: anna.zammit@europarl.europa.eu) using the attached form **by 17h00 on Thursday 12 September 2013.**

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- Annexes:
- Timetable for the 2013 award procedure
 - Members' signature form
 - The Statute of the Sakharov Prize

EP SAKHAROV PRIZE - CALENDAR
Proposal for the 2013 award procedure

Conference of Presidents' decision on calendar	Thursday 13 June 2013 Strasbourg
Deadline for nomination of candidates	Thursday 12 September 2013 at 17h00 Strasbourg
Presentation of nominees in a joint meeting of the Committee on Foreign Affairs, the Committee on Development and the Subcommittee on Human Rights (open to all Members)	Monday or Tuesday 16 or 17 September 2013 Brussels, tbc
Vote on three finalists in a joint meeting of the Committee on Foreign Affairs and the Committee on Development	Monday 30 September 2013, Brussels
Conference of Presidents' decision on final Laureate	Thursday 10 October 2013, Strasbourg
Joint AFET/DEVE/DROI meeting with 2013 Laureate(s)	Monday 18 November 2013 at 19h00 Strasbourg
Prize award ceremony in plenary	Tuesday 19 or Wednesday 20 November 2013 at 12h00 Strasbourg

PROPOSED CANDIDATE¹ FOR THE SAKHAROV PRIZE 2013

MEMBERS' SIGNATURE FORM

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¹ Each candidate should be presented with a short biography of half a page, in English, together with a photograph (preferably free of rights)

PROPOSED CANDIDATE¹ FOR THE SAKHAROV PRIZE 2013

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STATUTE OF THE SAKHAROV PRIZE FOR FREEDOM OF THOUGHT

DECISION OF THE CONFERENCE OF PRESIDENTS

OF 15 MAY 2003¹

The Conference of Presidents,

- having regard to Parliament's resolution of 13 December 1985 instituting the Sakharov Prize for freedom of thought,
- having regard to the proposal from the Committee on Foreign Affairs, Human Rights, Common Security and Defence Policy,
- having regard to Rule 25(4) of the Rules of Procedure²,

HAS DECIDED

Article 1

Parliament shall annually award the Sakharov Prize for freedom of thought.

Article 2

The prize shall be awarded for a particular achievement in one of the following fields:

- defence of human rights and fundamental freedoms, particularly the right to free expression,
- safeguarding the rights of minorities,
- respect for international law,
- development of democracy and implementation of the rule of law.

'Achievement' shall mean any intellectual or artistic composition or active work in the above fields.

Article 3

The prize shall be 50 000 €

Parliament reserves the right to publish any work for which the prize is awarded.

Article 4

The prize may be awarded to natural persons or to associations or organisations, irrespective of whether they have legal personality.

¹ Modified by the Conference of Presidents on 14 June 2006.

² This reference to the Rules of Procedure is to the version in force during the seventh parliamentary term.

The nationality, place of residence or seat of the candidates shall be immaterial.

Article 5

If a written work is submitted in support of an application, it must be in one of the official languages of the European Union.

An achievement within the meaning of Article 2 must be substantiated and verifiable.

Article 6

Nominations must secure the support of at least 40³ Members, or a political group, of Parliament. Individual Members may support only one nominee. Each proposal must be signed and include supporting evidence.

Article 7

Nominations which meet the formal criteria set out above shall be assessed in a joint meeting of the Committee on Foreign Affairs and the Committee on Development. Following that assessment, the two committees shall proceed jointly to an indicative vote producing a list of three candidates, in alphabetical order, from which the Conference of Presidents shall select one winner.

Article 8

The President of Parliament shall present the prize at a ceremony during a plenary session of Parliament.

Article 9

The procedures for the award of the prize shall be governed by internal implementing provisions to be laid down by the Committee on Foreign Affairs. Those provisions shall be communicated to any candidate at his or her request.

Article 10

The decision on the prize-winner shall be final and may not be challenged in the courts.

- Annex 1: Indicative timetable for the award of the Sakharov Prize
Annex 2: List of prize-winners

³ Figure adapted in the light of the accession of Bulgaria and Romania.

**AWARD OF THE SAKHAROV PRIZE
INDICATIVE TIMETABLE 2013**

June/July	A call for nominations is circulated to the Members of Parliament
September	Closing date for proposing nominees
September	The Committee on Foreign Affairs and the Committee on Development jointly: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• assess the nominations• take an indicative vote to establish a list of three names in alphabetical order, to be submitted to the Conference of Presidents
October	Decision by the Conference of Presidents on one winner
November	Official award ceremony at a plenary sitting (Strasbourg)

WINNERS OF THE SAKHAROV PRIZE

- 1988 - Nelson MANDELA
Anatoli MARCHENKO (posthumous award)
- 1989 - Alexander DUBČEK
- 1990 - Aung SAN SUU KYI
- 1991 - Adem DEMAÇI
- 1992 - LAS MADRES DE LA PLAZA DE MAYO
- 1993 - OSLOBODJENJE
- 1994 - Talisma NASREEN
- 1995 - Leyla ZANA
- 1996 - WEI JINGSHENG
- 1997 - Salima GHEZALI
- 1998 - Ibrahim RUGOVA
- 1999 - Xanana GUSMÃO
- 2000 - ¡BASTA YA!
- 2001 - Izzat GHAZZAWI
Nurit PELED-ELHANAN
Dom Zacarias KAMWENHO
- 2002 - Oswaldo José PAYÁ SARDIÑAS
- 2003 - Kofi ANNAN (UN)
- 2004 - Zhanna LITVINA (Belarusian Association of Journalists)
- 2005 - Ladies in White
Hauwa IBRAHIM
Reporters Without Frontiers
- 2006 - Alexander MILINKEVICH
- 2007 - Salih Mahmoud OSMAN

2008 - Hu JIA

2009 - Lyudmila ALEXEYEVA, Oleg ORLOV and Sergei KOVALEV, on behalf of
MEMORIAL and all other human rights defenders in Russia

2010 - Guillermo FARIÑAS

2011 - Arab Spring Activists: Asmaa Mahfouz (Egypt), Ahmed El-Senussi (Libya),
Mohamed Bouazizi (Tunisia), Ali Ferzat and Razan Zaitouneh (Syria)

2012 - Nasrin SOTOUDEH and Jafar PANAHI