



## International Humanist and Ethical Union

# IHEU's Award for Distinguished Service to Humanism - CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

IHEU is the democratic umbrella organisation for Humanist, Rationalist, Secularist, Laique, Ethical Culture and Atheist organisations around the world. IHEU has over 100 member organisations in over 40 countries.

IHEU has two awards to recognise individuals or institutions that advance Humanism:

**International Humanist Award:** This is IHEU's highest award and is given at World Humanist Congresses. It is in recognition of outstanding achievements and contributions to the progress and defence of Humanism. The most recent recipient of the award is the distinguished astrophysicist and Humanist Prof. Jean-Claude Pecker, France.

Past recipients have been Justice Tarkunde (defence of democracy, India); Atheist Centre (social work, India); Alexander Dubcek (defence of the freedom of conscience, Czech Republic), Dr. Pieter Admiraal (contribution to acceptance of Voluntary Euthanasia, the Netherlands), Dr. Andrei Sakharov (defence of the freedom of conscience, Soviet Union), Nettie Klein (promotion of Humanism, the Netherlands), Prof. Paul Kurtz (promotion of Humanist principles), and Prof. Amartya Sen (promotion of Humanist principles).

**Distinguished Service to Humanism Award:** This award recognises the contributions of Humanist activists to International Humanism and to organised Humanism. The most recent recipients of the award are Prof. Alexandre Marius dees de Sterio, Luxembourg and Barbara Smoker, UK.

Past recipients have been Jim Herrick, UK; Dr. Indumati Parikh, India; Paul Postma, the Netherlands; Abraham Solomon, India and James Dilloway, Switzerland

IHEU's General Assembly decided at its meeting in Paris in July 2005 to make the *Distinguished Service to Humanism* award an annual event, with the awards being presented at IHEU's General Assembly or a related Conference.

**The present call for nominations is for the Distinguished Service to Humanism Award, to be presented at or during the events being organised around the IHEU's General Assembly 2006, to be held in New York City (20 and 21 April 2006).**

**The Award consists of a Certificate and a Memento. There is no cash component to the Award.**

**Who is eligible?** A living person, or an institution. If the candidate is a person, s/he must be identifiably a Humanist. Ideally a selected awardee will be able to receive the award in person. Serving IHEU officers and personnel are ineligible.

**Who can nominate?** Member Organisations of IHEU can nominate, using the accompanying form.

**Who will decide?** A sub-committee of the IHEU's Executive Committee will examine the nominations, as well as consider other names, and make a short list. This would be considered by the full EC of IHEU, whose decision will be final.

**Are there deadlines?** Yes, for the 2006 award, nominations must reach IHEU by **28 February 2006**

**When will the announcement be made?** IHEU will contact the awardee confidentially, and the public announcement will be made only at the time of the award presentation.



**NOMINATION FORM FOR  
IHEU'S DISTINGUISHED SERVICE TO HUMANISM AWARD 2006  
(Nominations can be made by IHEU's paid-up member organisations).**

**A). Name of Person Nominating Mr/Ms .....**

**Address:** .....

**Telephone** (with country and city codes) .....

**E Mail** .....

I confirm that I am authorised by IHEU's member organisation \_\_\_\_\_

to nominate Mr./Ms. \_\_\_\_\_  
for the Distinguished Service to Humanism Award.

**B). I have / have not** (delete as appropriate) sought the consent of the nominee.

**C). The nominee can be contacted at**

**Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**Telephone** \_\_\_\_\_

**E Mail** \_\_\_\_\_

**D).** Information about the candidate's work and contributions to Humanism can also be found at the following websites (give maximum two website URLs).

**E).** I enclose a recommendation (maximum 800 words, please use next page) in support of the nominee's candidature, and am willing to provide additional information if required.

**Signature**

**Date**



**Statement in Support of (name) .....**

**By (name) .....**

**Please send form and statement to reach IHEU by 28 February 2006.**

**Send preferably by e mail to [babugogineni@iheu.org](mailto:babugogineni@iheu.org)**

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