

SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL OF EUROPE PEACE PRIZE 2017

Call for Candidates



Statue by Bettina Scholl Sabbatini



Selection Criteria

All nominees should satisfy at least three of the following four criteria:

- ❖ Long-term and sustainable work
- ❖ Exemplarity and sense of responsibility, dedication to a cause
- ❖ Altruism/selflessness
- ❖ Transparency and tolerance

Nominees' work should be in one of the following areas:

- ❖ Human rights and social justice
- ❖ Fighting poverty and economic injustice
- ❖ Eliminating gender-based violence and discrimination
- ❖ Ending war, violence and armed conflict or alleviating the effects thereof

The Prize

The Soroptimist International of Europe Peace Prize is intended not only to award the winner for the exceptional work they have already undertaken but also to facilitate their future projects dedicated to the establishment and maintenance of peace in their community and beyond. This is why the Peace Prize amounts to the rather significant amount of EUR 20'000. The Peace Prize also includes an official certificate signed by the President of Soroptimist International of Europe and the Chairperson of the Jury, as well as a statue designed by Bettina Scholl Sabbatini, an artist and Soroptimist from Luxembourg.

The winner will officially receive the prize at the Soroptimist International of Europe Congress, Italy, in July 2017. If the winner is a group of women, the group will designate one person to represent the group and receive the award in Florence.

Jury

The Jury is chaired by the SIE President Elect and composed of four other experts, selected by the Soroptimist International of Europe Board.

Application Process

Please submit the following materials to Renata Trottmann Probst, SIE President Elect 2015-2017 and Chair of the Peace Prize Jury **by January 15th, 2017**:

1. Name of the Union or Single Club submitting the nomination
2. Biography of the nominee or head of nominated group (1 page max.)
3. Description of the nominee's or group's peace-related activities, in general (400 words max.)
4. Description of a particularly noteworthy project implemented by the nominee or group (400 words max.)
5. Supporting documentation for her/their peace activities and project

Please submit all materials to Renata Trottmann Probst by e-mail at renata@casarena.ch and to SIEHQ: programme@soroptimisteurope.org



The first Peace Prize was presented at the 2005 SIE Congress in Vienna, Austria, to **Vera Bohle** for her efforts against the use of landmines and cluster munitions.



The second Peace Prize was awarded in 2007 in Lugano, Switzerland, to **Carla Del Ponte** for her work against crimes against humanity as Chief Prosecutor of the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia.



The third Peace Prize was awarded in 2009 at the SIE Congress in Amsterdam, the Netherlands, to **Valdete Idrizi** for her community building work across ethnic lines in Kosovo.



The fourth Peace Prize was awarded in 2011 at the Governors Meeting in Palermo, Italy, to **Sylvia Borren** for her work at the International Women's Committee, a Peace Committee for Israel and the Palestinian Territories.



The fifth Peace Prize was awarded in 2013 at the SIE Congress in Berlin, Germany, to Judge **Silvana Arbia** for her work prosecuting perpetrators of genocide at the United Nations International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda (ICTR).



The sixth Peace Prize was awarded in 2015 at the SI Convention in Istanbul, Turkey to Dr. **Edit Schlaffer** an Austrian social scientist, writer and activist. As the founder of an international advocacy, public relations, and lobbying organization called Women Without Borders Dr. Schlaffer keeps coming up with creative ways to bring women into the security spotlight and to garner worldwide publicity for women who are fighting violence and terrorism.