Dear Madam, Dear Mister

Concerns : Henri LA FONTAINE 2016 Prize for Humanism

The Henri La Fontaine Prize for Humanism was created by the Foundation Henri La Fontaine in memory of Henri La Fontaine, Nobel Peace Prize in 1913. An international law expert, Henri La Fontaine chose the path of pacifism as a society project. His project led him to imagine and create the League of Nations, predecessor of the United Nations Organisation.

To promote peace, he played an active role in the International Peace Bureau. As President, he effortlessly endeavoured to avoid the outbreak of WW1 (1914-1918).

Driven by universal values, he will contribute to the International Office of Bibliography in 1895. In this context, with Paul Otlet, he will set up a place, the MUNDANEUM, where all world knowledges would be gathered to promote peace and understanding between the people.

He later led a political career under the banner of socialism and promoted universal suffrage.

Vice-President of the Belgian Senate, freemason and feminist, he also engaged in movements promoting women emancipation.

He published numerous articles and books on legal, political and literary issues.

Hundred years later, his legacy remains essential and highly relevant.

The first achievement of the Foundation was the creation of the Henri La Fontaine Prize for Humanism to promote individuals or organisations who defend the same values.

The Prize rules (in French and English) are annexed - please distribute them widely. The deadline for submitting a nomination is 30 May 2020.

The rules can also be downloaded on the Foundation’s website: www.henrilafontaine.org

The jury will meet in June 2020.

The Prize ceremony will take place on 21 September 2020, International Day of Peace.

Thank you in advance for distributing this letter.

Kind regards,

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