



Habib Ben Yahia – Mediterranean Award

The 2012 Mediterranean Awards are conferred



Suor Maria Pia Giudici – Mediterranean Award

HISTORY

In 1996 the Fondazione Mediterraneo has founded the **Mediterranean Award** (along with its various sections) which is granted yearly to personalities of the political, cultural, scientific, social and artistic world who have contributed with their action to reduce tensions and start an upgrading process of cultural differences and shared values in the area of the Greater Mediterranean.

This Award is considered one of the most prestigious acknowledgements in the world.

The Award has developed as follows:

In 1996 and in 1997 the Fondazione Mediterraneo granted the Sarajevo Award to poets of the Balkanic area.

In 1998 the sections Peace, Culture and Laboratorio Mediterraneo International Award have been instituted. The latter is granted every year to the best short film chosen by an international jury during the Trieste Film Festival (since 2010 this award has been Included in the section Mediterranean Cinema Award).

In 2001 the section Art-Creativity and the special edition of the twenty year anniversary of the Mediterranean Award in 2015 was instituted.

In 2002 were instituted the sections Diplomacy, Institutions, Media and Silver Dolphin.

In 2003 were instituted the section Cinema, Mediterranean Award "Special Edition" (granted every two years to personalities and institutions which have given a great contribution to spreading culture and social solidarity) and "Medal Honour" of the Mediterranean Award (granted to institutions and individuals having distinguished themselves in the course of the year for the promotion of peace in the Greater Mediterranean). In 2004 the section Science

and Research was instituted. In 2005 were instituted the sections Architecture and Euro-Mediterranean Award for Dialogue between Cultures (the latter was instituted by Fondazione Mediterraneo in partnership with the "Anna Lindh" Euro-Mediterranean Foundation for the Dialogue between Cultures – the Fondazione Mediterraneo being Head of its Italian Network).

In 2007 the section Mediterranean Book Award, acknowledgment granted for translation, publication, promotion, circulation of literary works on the two shores was instituted.

In 2008 the section Social Solidarity and in 2009 the section Environment and Co-Development was instituted.

In 2010 the sections Ambassador of the Mediterranean, Inter-Faith Dialogue, Economy and Enterprise, Energy and Sustainable Development, Cultural Heritage, Community Service, Civil Society were instituted. In the same year it was also decided to dedicate three awards to the memory: "Raffaele Capasso" Mediterranean Award for Legality, "Angelo Vassallo" Mediterranean Award for Environment and Co-Development and "Rita Allamprese" Mediterranean Award for Children.

Since 2010 the Mediterranean Award is represented by the "Totem for Peace" by the sculptor Mario Molinari.

In 2011 it was decided to dedicate the Mediterranean Award for Science and Research – instituted in 2004 – to the memory of Mario Condorelli and was instituted the Mediterranean Award for the Motorways of the Sea to the memory of the ship-owner Guido Grimaldi.

In 2012 was instituted the section Mediterranean Award for Archeology to the memory of Marcello Gigante.



Irina Bokova, Director General of Unesco – Mediterranean Award



Don Luigi Ciotti – Mediterranean Award

THE WINNERS:



*Mediterranean Award
for Peace*

to Taysser Quba'a

*Vice President of the Parliamentary
Assembly of the Mediterranean
Palestine*

For his long-standing commitment to promoting dialogue between Israel and Palestine in the Parliamentary Assembly of the Mediterranean, and for his balanced vision in confronting the historical reality of old and new problems preventing the peace process, in the knowledge that this is the only possible way for two Peoples to live together in two States: it is their destiny to live on Earth side by side due to their geography and history.



*Mediterranean Award
for Peace*

to Majallie Whbee

*Vice President of the Parliamentary
Assembly of the Mediterranean
Israel*

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*Mediterranean Award
for Diplomacy*

**to Hillary Rodham
Clinton**

*US Secretary of State
USA*

For her actions promoting a new direction for USA policy in the Mediterranean Region, thanks to which it has been possible to give support to the "Arab Spring" movement and embark on the long process towards democratization in Arab countries based on freedom and solidarity. She has always sustained that Euro-Mediterranean Civil Society has an essential role to play in the building of peace and co-development for the region.



*Mediterranean Award
for Cultural Heritage to*
Irina Bokova

*Director General of Unesco
Bulgaria*

For her commitment for the defence and safeguard of world cultural heritage as well as for strengthening the cultural diplomacy as a fundamental basis for peace and mutual respect among peoples. In particular, by her action, she has made it possible to attribute a valuable space to immaterial and intangible cultures, considering them as world heritage of mankind.



*Mediterranean Award
for Institutions to*
Habib Ben Yahia

*Secretary General of the Arab
Maghreb Union
Tunisia*

Former Minister of Foreign Affairs of Tunisia, he was one of the protagonists of Barcelona Process in 1995. Under his guide, the Arab Maghreb Union is working to solve the tensions within Maghreb so as to achieve a climate of cooperation and understanding, fundamental for a shared development. For this reason the Fondazione Mediterraneo attributed to Habib Ben Yahia the Mediterranean Award for Institutions 2011.



*Mediterranean Award
for Institutions*
to Michel Vauzelle

*President of the Région Provence
Alpes Côte d'Azur
France*

Former Spokesperson to the President of the French Republic François Mitterrand and Minister of Justice, he has dedicated his life to undertaking concrete partnership initiatives between the European Union and Mediterranean Countries, developing operational programmes that have contributed significantly to mutual understanding and exchanges among peoples on both shores despite the many difficulties encountered along the way. As President of the PACA Region and the Alps-Mediterranean Euroregion, he has taken on a major role in development and integration policies.



*Mediterranean Award
for Institutions to*
Gorge Abela

*President of the Republic of Malta
Malta*

For having promoted cooperation between Europe and the Mediterranean and for transforming the Republic of Malta into the hub of the wheel where international bodies have located their headquarters for the purpose of strengthening cultural, political and social dialogue between the two shores.



*Mediterranean Award
for Institutions*
**to Scuola Militare
Nunziatella**

*Segretario Generale dell'Unione
Maghreb Arabo (UMA)
Italy*

For having prepared generations of Youths over 225 years for "Life and Service in the Armed Forces", which represents an invaluable asset for Humanity centred around the history and life of the City of Naples and Italy. The Nunziatella Military Academy represents educational excellence in the Mediterranean and the world, in which ethical values are placed at the heart of the vocational training and learning of young people who are destined to take on an essential role in social life.



*The Mediterranean Award
for Culture*
**to Mohamed-El Aziz
Ben Achour**

Director General ALECSO

ALECSO is an intergovernmental organization that brings together 22 member countries from the League of Arab States. It was established in 1970 and has its headquarters in Tunis. Under the guidance of its current Director General, Pr-Dr. Mohamed-El Aziz Ben Achour, it is resolutely committed to the defense of culture and human dignity (freedom of the press, denunciation of obscurantism, attacks to human dignity and world heritage). It also strives to valorize Arab cultural identity and contributes to building the vision of a universal civilization.



*The Mediterranean Award
for Culture*
**to Youths
of the "Arab
Spring
Revolutions"**

Syria - Egypt- Tunisia - Libya

This Award is bestowed upon youth representatives in Syria, Egypt, Tunisia and Libya, who thanks to their actions and conviction, especially through the use of new means of communication, brought about the capitulation of dictatorial regimes and enabled the difficult path towards Democracy and Freedom to be undertaken.



*Mediterranean Award
for Information*
to Mika Yamamoto

*Journalist
Japan*

"For having sacrificed her own life at the age of 45 years – after being fatally wounded during fighting in Aleppo between rebels and Syrian army soldiers – and for her courageous spirit in informing the world of the crimes against humanity so that such savagery can be prevented so that our world can be considered worthy of claiming to support human rights and peace".



*Mediterranean Award
for Information*
to Pino Blasi

*Journalist
Italy*

Honest reporting, professional coherence, and transparent personal ethics effectively summarize the guiding principles which Blasi has taught to young people in preparing them for a career in the world of information. The qualities of professionalism, rigour, ability, as well as human and ethical values are the distinguishing characteristics that young apprentices and gladly learnt from him in their aspiration to become qualified and capable journalists capable of transforming the modern world into a better place.

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THE WINNERS:



*Mediterranean Award
for Interreligious Dialogue
to Sister
Maria Pia Giudici*
Italy

"For her commitment and dedication to peace and dialogue between different faiths and laypeople, and for welcoming people in a dignified, natural and loving manner in her quest for the true essence of things. Her simplicity and spirituality help rediscover the way to people's souls through the power of love for oneself and each other. Her writings offer us guidance and spiritual reflection to overcome prejudice that suffocates love for God and his creatures, leading us back to the way of truth and light".



*Mediterranean Award
for "Architecture"
to Vittorio di Pace*
Architect
Italy

At 105 years old, Vittorio di Pace continues to work indefatigably as an architect on the project he has dreamed about all his life: that of creating an interethnic city. His life has been based on Love for Life and the "Architect's Profession", which unites artistic spirit with curiosity for the world. He has carried out projects in Brazil, Venezuela, Bolivia, The Ivory Coast and Saudi Arabia. He is a rare example of curiosity and perceptiveness, brimming with enthusiasm for work and wellbeing, as well as being a careful observer of the world and creator of universal architecture without differences or hierarchies.



*Mediterranean Award
for Art and Creativity
to Giuseppe
Antonello Leone*
Italy

His artistic expression has evolved around two opposite poles of figurative art, transfigured by his own brand of tragic surrealism and love for recovered objects, into which he injects powerful irony about post-industrial consumerism. His skilful transfiguration of forms and technical mastery are ever present in all his works. His works are also an expression of Mediterranean Art. They include among others: the bronze panels of the Way of the Cross at the Church of Saint Peter in Camerellis in Salerno, the cycle of mosaics at the Seminary Church of Sessa Aurunca, the mosaic at the Church of Saint Anthony of Corleto Perticara, the fresco in the Church of Our Lady of Spinoso, the stained-glass window in the Cathedral of Benevento, three paintings in Church of Saint Anna in Potenza, the fresco in the Rocca dei Rettori in Benevento, the bronze panels for the central door of the Cathedral of Messina.



*"Mario Condorelli"
Mediterranean Award
for Science and Research
to Moroccan
Foundation
for Advanced
Science,
Innovation
and Research*

Morocco

For its commitment to carrying out concrete projects in the field of nanotechnology and for having successfully obtained third general biofuel from Moroccan seaweed. This initiative has produced excellent results for industrial fuel both from an economic perspective and for the protection of the environment.



*Mediterranean Award
for Economy
to Teresa Ribeiro*
Economist
Portugal

For her commitment to protection of the environment and natural resources. She has applied "economic diplomacy" as an instrument for co-development and equity among peoples. In her political and scientific activities, she considers the mobility of skills as coherent and indispensable for the promotion of economic partnership as the basis for peace and prosperity.



*Silver Dolphin
Mediterranean Award
to Alessandro Ortis*
Engineer
Italy

Professional man who is devoted and dedicated, with a firm commitment in promoting institutions, bodies and initiatives of particular importance for a more advanced collaboration and cohesion among the countries of the Mediterranean.



*Silver Dolphin
Mediterranean Award
to Corrado Beguinot*
Engineer
Italy

Who throughout his long career dedicated his life to scientific research and experimentation on the theme of town plan, which at international level spilled over into the creation and promotion of the interethnic cable European city. Together with the Fondazione Aldo Della Rocca, he is the precursor of the new cabled interethnic era based on peace in the world, in which all people are united fraternally and unite



*"Angelo Vassallo"
Mediterranean Award
for Environment
and Co-Development
to Greenpeace
International*

For its long-standing commitment to the energy revolution as a response to climate change, defending our oceans, protecting the last of our primary forests (together with the fauna, flora and human beings that depend on them), working for disarmament and peace by dealing with the causes of conflicts, and calling for the elimination of all nuclear arms to create a future without toxic substances in which sustainable agriculture is promoted.



*Mediterranean Award
for Civil Society
to Youth Resource
Centre (ORC)
Tuzla*

Miralem Tursinovic' – Director
Bosnia-Herzegovina

For having contributed to the integration and cooperation between young people in the former Yugoslav Republics, thanks to a careful and impartial historical interpretation of the recent war and joint projects for integration and partnership with youths and networks of young people involved in Civil Society initiatives in Euro-Mediterranean countries.



*Mediterranean Award
for Energy and Sustainable
Development
to MedReg*

An associative and institutional body that is strongly committed to promoting cooperation between National energy regulatory Bodies in the Mediterranean thus contributing to effectively supporting energy, economic and social integration among Countries of the Mediterranean Basin and the Continents to which they belong.



*Mediterranean Award
for Social Solidarity
to Associazione
Scuola di Pace*
Italy

The Associazione Scuola di Pace, founded in 1989, is committed to sensitizing especially the youngest generations to the principles of solidarity and civil commitment. Its actions are directed towards secondary school students with particular attention to migratory phenomena, including the establishment of an Italian Language School complemented by significant collateral activities, making it an example of excellence of the colourful world of voluntary work.



*"Raffele Capasso"
Mediterranean Award
for Legality
to Don Luigi Ciotti*
"Libera. Associazioni,
nomi e numeri contro le mafie"
Italy

Don Luigi Ciotti, an anti-mafia activist, is the coordinator of Libera. His work aims to make the essential social and cultural progress required to eradicate mafia phenomena and every form of injustice, illegality and criminal activities.



"Rita Allamprese"
per l'Infanzia
a **Matilda
Raffa Cuomo**

Fondatrice "Mentoring USA – onlus

Italia

Per l'azione svolta a favore dell'integrazione dei migranti nell'agro aversano, per l'impegno e l'azione civile per la promozione dei diritti di base e l'affermazione della giustizia sociale. L'associazione sorta in memoria di un immigrato sudafricano ucciso in Italia, testimonia l'impegno civile contro ogni forma di abuso del potere per l'affermazione dei diritti dei più deboli nei territori devastati dalla camorra.



Premio Mediterraneo
Arte e Creatività
ad **Antonio Borrelli**

Italia

Scultore di astratte forme imponenti o designer di piccoli, raffinati gioielli dai mobili meccanismi ad incastro, Antonio Borrelli ha costruito la sua poetica nell'accezione del "saper fare", in modo tale che mai l'ispirazione o la sensibilità prendessero il sopravvento sull'abilità. Il suo passare dalle mega-strutture monumentali alle microstrutture dell'oggetto d'uso o del gioiello è una particolarità unica nell'arte del secolo passato, il Novecento. Per quanto sia per sua natura sfuggente come tutte le definizioni, il termine di artista micromega può descrivere la ragion d'essere e il travagliato percorso di Antonio Borrelli, che si è posto il problema di una compiutezza formale oltre le modalità di impiego dell'arte plastica e dell'oggetto ornamentale.



Premio Mediterraneo
Cinema
al cortometraggio
*"Apele tac,
silent river"*
di **Anca Miruna
Lazarescu**

Nell'ambito del Trieste Film Festival, con cui la Fondazione Mediterraneo collabora dal 1995, è stato assegnato il Premio Mediterraneo Cinema 2012 al miglior cortometraggio in concorso.



Medal of Honour for Children
to **Catriona
Williams**

President of the International
Forum for Child Welfare – Italy

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Mediterranean Award
Medal of Honour for Children
to **Ivano Abbruzzi**

Director of "L'Albero della Vita
Onlus" (Charitable Organization)
Italy

At a solemn ceremony attended by delegates from all over the world – the World Forum for Child Welfare 2012 – the "Medal of Honour for Children" was awarded to Catriona Williams, President of the International Forum for Child Welfare.



Mediterranean Award
Euromed Award
**Teatro Valle
Occupato**

Italy

The Awards Ceremony was held in Cyprus on 10 November 2012 at the UNESCO Auditorium, University of Nicosia in the presence of the Heads of the National Networks of the Anna Lindh Foundation. Participants at the ceremony included Andreu Claret, Director of the Anna Lindh Foundation, and Michele Capasso, President of the Fondazione Mediterraneo, who handed this accolade to Sylvia De Fanti and Simona dell'Acqua, representing the Teatro Valle Occupato Theatre Group. This year, the theme for the Euromed Award was "Youths for change, social justice and co-development".



Medal of Honour for Children
to **Ermanno Russo**

Councillor for Social Activities
of the Campania Region – Italy

At a solemn ceremony held at the close of the World Forum for Child Welfare 2012 attended by delegates from all over the world, the "Medal of Honour for Children" was presented to Ermanno Russo, Councillor for Social Affairs in the Campania Region.

Gli assegnatari del Premio Mediterraneo 1996-2012

Ivano **Abbruzzi**, Gorge **Abela**, Mohamed-El Aziz Ben **Achour**, S.M. Rania **Al-Abdullah**, 'Ala **Al-Aswani**, **Al-Bayane**, **Al-Hayat**, Wijdan **Al-Hashemi**, **Al-Jazeera**, Lenin **Al-Ramly**, Beshir **Al-Sibai**, Fiorenzo **Alfieri**, **Ansamed**, Casa editrice egiziana **Afaq**, **Apele tac – Silent river** (cortometraggio), Viktor **Asliuk**, **Associazione "A Ruota Libera Onlus"**, **Associazione Italiana "Amici del Presepio"**, **Associazione "L'Altra Napoli Onlus"**, **Associazione "Marseille Esperance"** – Sindaco Jean Claude **Gaudin**, **Atelier du Caire**, André **Azoulay**, Antonio **Bassolino**, Mohamed **Bedjaoui**, Corrado **Beguinet**, Ernest **Beach**, Eugenio **Bennato**, **Biblioteca Nazionale d'Algeri**, Carl **Bildt**, S.M. 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