

SERGIO VIEIRA DE MELLO PRIZE UN High Commissioner for Human Rights (2002-2003)



honorary patronage
Ambassador of the Federative Republic of Brazil to Poland
Ambassador of the Kingdom of Sweden to Poland
United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

Art.1

1. Driven by the intention of supporting the best initiatives in the field of human rights, the Villa Decius Association establishes the United Nations High Commissioner of Human Rights Sergio Vieira de Mello Prize, which will be awarded to individuals and nongovernmental organizations for their actions enhancing peaceful coexistence and cooperation of communities, religions and cultures.

Art.2

1. The Prize is awarded for actions enhancing peaceful coexistence and cooperation of communities, religions and cultures.
2. The Prize may be awarded in two categories: a person and a nongovernmental organization.
3. The Prize is awarded by the Award Committee after thorough examination of applications.
4. The Prize may be awarded only once to the same person or institution.
5. The Prize was awarded for the first time in 2004.
6. Regulations concerning awarding of the Prize are stipulated in article 6 of these Regulations.
7. The Award Committee may award a Special Prize for actions not mentioned in article 1.

Art.3

1. The Prize winners receive Andrzej Renes's statuette and a commemorative diploma. The Prize may also be financial.
2. The Prize winners are eligible to use the title of: "Laureate of the UN High Commissioner of Human Rights Sergio Vieira de Mello Prize, in the year ..." in their own information materials and on websites.
3. A description of the laureates' achievements is posted on www.villa.org.pl

Art.4

1. The Prize may be sponsored by Polish and foreign patrons.
2. The sponsors are eligible to use the title of: "Sponsor of the Prize in honour of Sergio Vieira de Mello, the UN High Commissioner of Human Rights in the years 2002-2003".

Art.5

1. The Award Committee is composed of:
 - The High Representative of the President of the Republic of Poland;
 - The High Representative of the Ambassador of the Federative Republic of Brazil to Poland;
 - The High Representative of the Ambassador of the Kingdom of Sweden to Poland;
 - The High Representative of the UN High Commissioner for Refugees;
 - Representatives of embassies and consulates supporting the operation of the Villa Decius Association in matters related to human rights;
 - The Institute of National Remembrance;
 - The Commissioner for Civil Rights Protection;
 - Representatives of the Sponsors of the Prize;
 - The Chairman and Director of the Villa Decius Association
2. Invitations to work in the Award Committee are made by the President of the Villa Decius Association.

Art.6

General rules concerning the award process

1. The Prize is awarded annually for actions enhancing peaceful coexistence and cooperation of communities, religions and cultures, in two categories: an individual and a nongovernmental organization.
2. The Prize is awarded by the Award Committee after a thorough examination of applications.
3. Candidates for the Prize may be from Poland and abroad.
4. Candidates for the Prize may be proposed by individuals and nongovernmental organizations from Poland and abroad.
5. It is not possible to award at the same time a nongovernmental organization and a person related to that organization in the same year.
6. Consent upon nomination is required (no written approval is required).
7. After the examination of applications for the Prize, the Award Committee announces the results.
8. The Award Committee may award an honorary Special Prize. Candidates to the Special Prize may be proposed by the members of the Committee without limitations mentioned in article 1.