

***Summary of the Martin Ennals Award***

The Martin Ennals Award is given annually to a Human Rights Defender for their work defending the rights of others. A new format in 2012 includes *three Final Nominees* announced in April followed by selection of the *Laureate* in October.

*Credibility of the Award*:

* The Award is selected by *an independent jury of ten organizations* (see List Below)
* The *City of Geneva* is committed to supporting the city as the “World Capital of Human Rights” and chose the Martin Ennals Award as a key element of their strategy. Their support includes a city-wide poster campaign.
* The *High Commissioner for Human Rights*, or Deputy, has presented the award over the last years, which adds to the gravitas of the award.
* Micheline Calmy-Rey joined as Chair of the Foundation in 2012.

*Benefits of being a Laureate/Final Nominee*:

* *Protective publicity:*  This has been repeatedly acknowledged by Laureates as having real value.
* *Recognition*: The ceremony in Geneva is an important platform for all three nominees who have a chance to address an audience of 700+ interested persons. The European Union Representative in the Laureate’s country also holds a diplomatic reception for the winner.
* *Advocacy:*  This award opens doors to high-level discussions on the concerned Human Rights issues. Previous Laureates have said it raises the quality of the dialogue.
* *Financial:* the Laureate gets 20 000 CHF, while all three nominees get 11 500 CHF from the City of Geneva for a Human Rights project, along with a travel grant.
* *Film portrait:* We commission short films (7 Min.) on our nominees which can be seen on our website. Footage can also be made available.

*Martin Ennals Award Jury*

- Amnesty International,

- Human Rights Watch,

- Human Rights First,

- Int’l Federation for Human Rights,

- World Organisation Against Torture,

- Front Line Defenders,

- International Commission of Jurists,

- German Diakonie,

- International Service for Human Rights

- HURIDOCS