

# Forum

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## THIRD WORLD PRIZE

The Third World Prize has been instituted by the Board of Trustees of the Third World Foundation and funded by the Bank of Credit and Commerce International of 39, Boulevard Royal, Luxembourg.

The announcement was made in London on 29 October 1979 on the occasion of the Inaugural Third World Lecture delivered by the Honourable Michael Manley, Prime Minister of Jamaica.

At the invitation of the Board of Trustees of the Third World Foundation the following agreed to constitute the first Selection Committee:

HE S S Ramphal	Chairman	Guyana
E V Iglesias	Member	Uruguay
Robert KA Gardiner	Member	Ghana
B K Nehru	Member	India
M A Husain	Member-Secretary	

After consulting the Selection Committee, the Board of Trustees of the Third World Foundation approved the following Code of Procedure for conferring the Third World Prize.

### **The Prize**

The Prize will be called 'The Third World Prize'.

The Prize will be conferred on individuals or institutions for outstanding contribution to Third World development particularly in the economic, social, political or scientific fields. The Selection Committee may determine priorities from time to time. The principal qualities which the Prize will aim to honour will be originality, inspiration, enterprise, creativity, innovation and service to the general good of the peoples of the Third World.

The Prize each year shall be a sum of \$100,000.

### **Eligibility for the Prize**

The Prize is open to all persons regardless of race, nationality, creed or sex.

The Prize may be jointly conferred when the recipients have worked together or are otherwise considered to be equally deserving of recognition in the year of the Prize.

Personal application will disqualify the applicant for the Prize.

### **Period of the Prize**

The Prize will be conferred beginning with the year 1980 and every year thereafter.

The Selection Committee will be free to withhold the Prize in any one year if they consider that none of the nominations for that year merit such recognition.

The Prize will not be made posthumously, but if the prize winner dies between the date on which the Prize is announced and the date scheduled for the Prize ceremony, the amount of the Prize will be held for the winner's estate until the end of the year following that in which the Prize was awarded. Should the estate not make arrangements to receive the amount of the Prize within that period, the undistributed amount shall revert to the Third World Foundation.

If a Prize winner declines, it shall revert forthwith to the Third World Foundation.

If an awardee accepts the Prize yet fails to give instructions as to how the amount is to be paid within a period of twelve months from the date of the announcement of the Prize, the amount shall revert to the Third World Foundation.

### **Selection Committee**

The Selection Committee will be appointed by the Board of Trustees of the Third World Foundation once every three years, which period shall represent the tenure of the Committee. A retiring member may be reappointed by the Trustees.

The tenure of the first Selection Committee will terminate on 31 December 1982.

The Selection Committee will frame its own rules of procedure and determine the frequency and venue of its meetings.

The secretarial work of the Selection Committee will be undertaken by the Third World Foundation, under the supervision of the Member-Secretary of the Committee.

Should any member of the Selection Committee resign, become incapacitated, or be otherwise unable to discharge his duties as a member of the Committee, the Board of Trustees of the Third World Foundation may appoint another person for the unexpired part of that term.

Should the Chairman be unable to attend a meeting of the Committee he may ask any member of the Committee to act as Chairman for that meeting. The final decision for the Prize will be made with the concurrence of at least four members, including the Chairman, of the Committee.

The decisions of the Selection Committee shall be given by consensus. No reasons shall be given save those contained in the citation (which the Selection Committee shall prepare), and the Selection Committee's decisions shall be

final. The decisions of the Selection Committee shall not be subject to confirmation by any other authority and no appeal or protest will lie against those decisions. The minutes of the meetings of the Selection Committee or the views expressed by individual members shall not be made public in any way. The discussions, deliberations, opinions and proceedings of the Selection Committee in connection with the Prize shall not be made public or otherwise revealed.

### **Nominations**

Only persons nominated in the manner provided for shall be considered.

The following may be asked to make nominations to the Selection Committee:

- a) former members of the Selection Committee;
- b) persons who have received the Prize;
- c) persons whom the Selection Committee may invite to submit nominations;
- d) presidents and vice-chancellors of selected universities;
- e) heads of international or regional organisations and institutions approved by the Committee in their personal capacity;
- f) heads of selected learned societies and research institutions in their personal capacity.

Members of the Selection Committee shall not be entitled to make nominations.

No holder of the Prize may be nominated for a second Prize.

Nominations shall be made in English, French or Spanish.

Nominations will be invited in the month of February each year so as to reach the Member-Secretary (Third World Foundation, 13th Floor, New Zealand House, Haymarket, London SW1Y 4TS, UK) of the Selection Committee by 31 May of the year of the Prize.

Nominations should be accompanied by adequate evidence in support of them. The Selection Committee may verify the information supplied to it and ask for additional information.

After evaluation of the nominations the Selection Committee will decide on the recipient or recipients of the Prize in the month of November of the year of the Prize.

Nominations shall not be made public in any way at any time.

### **Announcement**

After advising the Third World Foundation of their decision, the Chairman, on behalf of the Selection Committee, will communicate the decision of the Selection Committee to the recipient of the Prize and also make a public announcement in December of the year of the Prize.

**Presentation of the Prize**

The presentation of the Prize will take place at a specially arranged ceremony, preferably in a Third World country, if possible in the month of March following the year of the Prize, when a citation will be read out. All arrangements in connection with this ceremony will be the exclusive responsibility of the Third World Foundation.

**Third World Lecture**

The recipient of the Prize will normally be expected to attend the ceremony to receive the Prize in person and to deliver the annual Third World Lecture concerned with the work for which the Prize has been awarded. If it considers it to be appropriate, the Third World Foundation may agree with the recipient for him to be represented by some other person at the ceremony, and for the Lecture to be read in his absence.

**General**

The Third World Foundation will meet all expenditure in connection with the work of the Committee and will provide all necessary amounts for the Prize.

**Third World Awards**

The Selection Committee will also have the right to make appropriate awards in particular areas of excellence as they consider appropriate, as and when funds are placed at its disposal by the Third World Foundation.