20 Years anniversary Mauthausen Committee Austria

Announcement of the Inaugural Hans Maršálek Prize

The Austrian Mauthausen Committee and the Austrian Camp Association Mauthausen will be awarding the inaugural Hans Maršálek Prize for excellence in memorial, remembrance and awareness work. The person awarded the prize will also receive €6.000. The application deadline is 30th June 2017.

The Hans Maršálek prize for excellence in the fields of memorial, remembrance and awareness work has been created to commemorate Hans Maršálek by the Austrian Mauthausen Committee and the Austrian Camp Association Mauthausen in 2014. In 2017 the Mauthausen Committee Austria is celebrating of its society 20th anniversary, which is only possible through the cooperation from Hans Maršálek with youth organizations, the union and the Catholic Church.

Hans Maršálek was imprisoned by the national socialists in 1941 for his involvement in the resistance and deported to Mauthausen concentration camp in autumn 1942 where he experienced first-hand the crimes committed there. Following the end of the Second World War he founded and developed the Mauthausen archive and the museum at the site of the former concentration camp. He was also the author of numerous publications and the long-time head of the Mauthausen memorial site. Hans Maršálek spent decades sharing his extensive knowledge of Mauthausen with an entire generation of researchers and students. He was tireless in his work raising awareness of the crimes committed under National Socialism and long-time chairperson of the Austrian Camp Association Mauthausen and of the Comité International de Mauthausen.

Aims of the Hans Maršálek Prize:

Youth - Innovation – Civil Courage

The prize is designed to commemorate the life and works of Hans Maršálek and to award projects that continue his work. Projects for consideration can range from scholarly works, to youth and adult education projects, as well as initiatives aimed at the anchoring the themes of National Socialism, concentration camps, (anti)racism and democracy advocacy in local contexts.

Recognition

Prize recipients can come from a broad range of backgrounds and represent a wide spectrum of activities, reflecting the work and maxim of Hans Maršálek. Applications are open and without age, nationality or denominational limits, open to all political groups that uphold democratic principles and are dedicated to social justice. In the spirit of Hans Maršálek, the prize is not aimed solely at Austrian applicants, rather international applications and contexts would be particularly welcomed by the funder.

Application

The prize is for projects that have already been successfully completed and is not to be considered as project funding. Potential recipients can apply on their own initiative or be nominated by a third person.

The prize will be awarded every three years and includes a sum of €6000. The prize will be awarded in 2017 and will be split between the three best projects.

The application deadline for the second Hans Maršálek Prize is 30th June 2017. In late autumn 2017 the prize will be awarded as part of an awards ceremony.

Jury

A nine-person jury will choose a recipient. The jury is composed of:

Willi Mernyi, Chair, Austrian Mauthausen Committee

Dr. Irmgard Aschbauer, Chair, Austrian Camp Association Mauthausen and Founder Member Austrian Mauthausen Committee

Guy Dockendorf, President, International Mauthausen Committee

Mag. Andreas Baumgartner, General Secretary, International Mauthausen Committee

Mag. Dr. Florian Wenninger, historian

Univ.Prof. Dr. Peter Gstettner, Educator

MMag. Dr. Martin Krenn, MA., Vice Federal Chair, KZ-Verband

Julia Herr, Federal Youth Representation

Jury Chair: Helmut Edelmayr, Founding Member of the Austrian Mauthausen Committee and Board member of the Austrian Camp Association Mauthausen

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