

## **Proposal for a resolution by the General Assembly: The Founders' Award**

**On the recommendation of BIEN's Executive Committee, the General Assembly welcomes and takes note of the initiative described below.**

**The Founders' Award** is awarded annually at the BIEN congress to an outstanding contribution to furthering BIEN's objectives in the period since the previous congress. Those objectives are to educate the general public about Basic Income, that is, a periodic cash payment delivered to all on an individual basis, without means test or work requirement; to serve as a link between the individuals and groups committed to, or interested in, Basic Income; to stimulate and disseminate research about Basic Income; and to foster informed public discussion on Basic Income throughout the world.

**The amount** of the award will be € 1000 per year. It can be given to a single laureate or shared equally by two laureates. It will be awarded for the first time at the 2019 Hyderabad congress. Each time, the committee will publish the reasons for its choice shortly after the announcement.

**Information** about the scope of the award (as stipulated above), its rules, the composition of its committee and the coordinates of the person from whom more information can be obtained will be published at least six months before the congress at which the award is given. The Opinion section of the BIEN website can be used for this purpose, as well as for the announcement of the laureate and the explanation of the choice.

**The award committee** will consist of five life members of BIEN, with one of them acting as its chair and convener. It will initially consist of five founding members of BIEN still active in the network. Every year, it must replace at least two of its members by other life members of BIEN, with a concern for gradually achieving an appropriate balance between genders and continents.

**The names of the donors** and the amounts of their contributions will not be published. However, in order to satisfy the transparency condition essential to good governance, anyone wishing to know the sources of the funds can be informed by the contact person.

**Disclaimer.** In all written publications about the award and at the public presentation of the award the award committee will thank BIEN for giving them this platform to present the award and include the following disclaimer: "The Founders' Award is the sole responsibility of the award committee. None of BIEN's funds were used to finance the award. Responsibility for the rules, the selection of the winner(s), and opinions expressed in the presentation of the award belong only to the award committee and do not necessarily reflect the opinions of BIEN's General Assembly or its Executive committee."

**After two years**, BIEN's Executive Committee and the initiators of the award will reconsider the formula presented above and decide whether to keep it or to find a way to set it up in the name of BIEN.