

## **Announcement:**

### **An invitation to the people proposing a “Founders Award”**

Several founding members of BIEN have come to the EC offering to create a Founders Award. The BIEN EC thanks them for this offer. Although the EC and the founders have not yet come to an agreement about how to make it an official award in the name of BIEN, the EC does not want to delay the start of this exciting project. Therefore, BIEN enthusiastically invites the founders to present their award in their own name at the next two BIEN Congresses on the following basis:

1. The award must be consistent with BIEN’s mission of “promoting awareness of the idea of an unconditional basic income and feeding an informed discussion of its various versions.”
2. The group making the award publishes in advance each Congress:
  - the rules of that year’s award (containing the stipulation from item 1),
  - the names of the people participating in that year’s award,
  - and the contact information for someone who can provide more information about the award.

NOTE: the founders can publish this information in the Opinion Section of Basic Income News if they wish.

3. Within reasonable time of the award, the group publishes an explanation of why that year’s winner(s) was selected and what they were awarded. NOTE: This can also be published in the opinion section of Basic Income News.

4. In all written publications about the award and at the public presentation of the award the group thanks BIEN for giving them this platform to present the award and includes the following disclaimer: “The Founders’ Award is the sole responsibility of the participating founders. 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 participating founders and do not necessarily reflect the opinions of BIEN’s membership or leadership.”

After trying it this way for two years, the BIEN EC and the participating founders may decide whether to keep doing it on the basis stated above or to find a way to do it in the name of BIEN.