

European Restorative Justice Award *Procedure of nomination*

In celebration of its 10th anniversary, the European Forum for Restorative Justice (EFRJ) launched the "European Restorative Justice Award" in 2010. It is dedicated to recognize and celebrate outstanding contributions by individuals, groups or organisations, to the development of restorative justice within Europe. Worthy of dedication can be any significant contribution, either in theoretical, practical, empirical, political or ideational respect. The award is granted biannually and handed over at the occasion of the regular international conferences of the EFRJ. The award is unremunerated.

Laureates are nominated by the Board of the EFRJ upon proposals submitted by the EFRJ membership. Calls to submit proposals will be published regularly in September of the year prior to the award ceremony. The call will be announced to the membership through publication on the website and through e-mail (newsflash). Proposals can be submitted by individual members and by one individual representing an organisational member. One person can submit one or more proposals. The board will take its decision by majority vote during its regular winter meeting (normally in December).

In June 2010, the first European Restorative Justice Award was granted to Professor Ivo Aertsen, Belgium, at the biennial conference in Bilbao, Spain. His nomination was decided unanimously in recognition of his substantial contribution to the development of restorative justice in Europe. It recognizes his remarkable efforts that can be traced in manifold areas: the development of restorative justice theory, its promotion on the political level through various legal instruments of the Council of Europe and the European Union, its implementation in domestic legislation, and its realization in everyday practice. With his manifold initiatives, Ivo Aertsen significantly contributed to the growth of restorative justice as a real ideal all over Europe. Last, but not least, Ivo Aertsen was the promoter and one of the leading founding members of the EFRJ itself. His nomination is also meant as a signal for the EFRJ's gratitude to the K.U. Leuven for the valuable financial, logistic and idealistic support that is the indispensable precondition for the permanent activities of the EFRJ and its further success in the future.

The call preparing the 2012 Award will be launched in September, 2011.

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