

General Membership Voting Ballot and Call for Awards' Nominations

Dear WSV members in good standing,

In accordance with our Basic Statutes of Incorporation, paragraph 8, I am taking the opportunity to announce by email, fax, and website the voting of all members in good standing on the establishment of a new award called the “**Benjamin Mendelsohn Young Scholars' Award**” as recently recommended by the Executive Committee.

Please vote: adopt _____ or, do not adopt _____.

Additionally, I would like to ask for each member in good standing to **make one nomination** (with a letter of support) **for each of four awards** in accordance with the new Terms of Reference recently established by the Executive Committee as follows:

Hans von Hentig Award

Terms of Reference

- May be given to a scholar who is not a Member of the Executive Committee of WSV.
- Who should be a senior Victimologist
- Who is engaged in research and teaching in the field of Victimology and has done consistent and significant work in the field of Victimology reflecting life time accomplishment.

Nomination Procedure:

- In submitting the nominations, the nominator must **provide a supporting letter** giving the reasons for the nomination for this award.

Certificate of Appreciation

Terms of Reference

- May be given to a person who is not a Member of the Executive Committee of WSV.
- May be given to a person who has performed extraordinary services to the World Society of Victimology.

Nomination Procedures:

- In submitting the nominations, the nominator must **provide a supporting letter** giving the reasons for the nomination for this award.

Benjamin Mendelsohn Young Scholars' Award (if approved by the members in good standing with a majority of 2/3s votes received)

Terms of Reference

- May be given to a person who is not a Member of the Executive Committee of WSV.
- May be given to a promising young scholar (under 35 years of age) who has made an outstanding scholarly contribution to Victimology.

Nomination Procedure:

- In submitting the nominations, the nominator must **provide a supporting letter** giving the reasons for the nomination for this award.

Honorary Membership Award

Terms of Reference

- May be given to a person who is not a Member of the Executive Committee of WSV.
- May be given to a person regardless of his membership in the WSV.
- May be given to a person who is recognized for his/her outstanding contribution to the cause of victims.
- These persons may be teachers, researchers, policy makers, victim activists, service providers or leaders of States.

Nomination Procedures:

- In submitting the nominations, the nominator **must provide a supporting letter** giving the reasons for the nomination for this award.

I encourage each member in good standing to cast their vote to adopt or not adopt the Benjamin Mendelsohn Young Scholar Award; and, to nominate one person for each of the four awards. Your nominations will be used by the Executive Committee to select the award winners prior to the upcoming 13th International Symposium on Victimology to be held in Mito, from August 23-28, this year.

Votes and nomination letters may be returned by email (jdussich@csufresno.edu), fax (+1-559-278-7265), or regular postal mail (2576 East San Ramon Avenue, M/S ST 104, Fresno, California 93740-8093 USA). For votes and letters to be considered, they must be received by June 30th, 2009 at either of the above three destinations.

Sincerely,
John P. J. Dussich, President
World Society of Victimology