



Future Worlds Center, Press Release For Immediate Release

Thursday 20 October, 2011

For more information and interviews, please contact Dr Yiannis Laouris:
laouris@cnti.org.cy or +357 99 632122

News hook: Cyprus NGO ranks second in prestigious Euro-Med Award for the Dialogue between Cultures

Local Cypriot NGO Future World Center (FWC) ranked **second place** in the final election round of the prestigious Euro-Med Award for Dialogue between Cultures and was awarded an **Honourable Mention** for the highly-esteemed work on intercultural dialogue for the promotion of freedom and citizenship in the Euro-Mediterranean region.

The Euro-Med Award for the Dialogue between Cultures is a very prestigious award given by the Anna Lindh Euro-Mediterranean Foundation for the Dialogue Between Cultures an organization operating in 43 countries having over a 3000 organizational members, founded to honor Anna Lindh for her pioneer work.

The nomination was done by Heiner Benking from PNW, a member of the German Anna-Lindh-Network, and co-founder of the Anna-Lindh-Salon. He based his proposal on the following:

1. The high number of structured democratic dialogues implemented by the organization.
2. Notable projects which promote dialogue, such as Act Beyond Borders, Teach MDGs, Multicultural Cyprus, Moblang, UCYVROK, Civil Society Dialogue, etc.
3. The world-wide initiatives as well as publications and books by members of its Board Aleco Christakis, Yiannis Laouris, Harry Anastasiou, Kerstin Wittig and Romina Laouri.
4. The (i) Philosophy, (ii) Values, (iii) Good Organization, (iv) Focus on peace, (v) Special focus on vulnerable groups and (vi) The promotion of Cyprus as peripheral center.

Mr. Anthos Shekkeris from the Cyprus Center for European and International Affairs, which acts as the Head of Anna Lindh National Network in Cyprus, stated that it is the first time that a Cypriot NGO enjoys such recognition. The Cyprus network comprises of 45 organizations.

Dr. Yiannis Laouris, Chair of the Board of Future World Center, expressed his gratitude to the thousands of NGOs across the region that trusted their vote to the Cypriot NGO. He asserted that his team will now have to work even harder to meet the expectations. He also expressed hope that more "structured" dialogue engaging people from all walks of life, takes place between the various societies living in Cyprus.



Future Worlds Center (legal reg.:
Cyprus Neuroscience and Technology
Institute)
Global Education Unit

5 Promitheos, 1065 Lefkosia, CYPRUS
Tel. +357 22 87 38 20
Fax. +357 22 87 38 21 <http://actbeyondborders.net/>
<http://fwcis.blogspot.com/>



Future Worlds Center, a pioneer in Cyprus

In Cyprus, Future Worlds Center pioneers in the promotion of peace building and reconciliation between Greek and Turkish Cypriots, for example through the Civil Society Dialogue or the Local Authorities projects:

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Civil_Society_Dialogue_project_in_Cyprus

<http://www.localauthoritiescyprus.info/>

Future Worlds Center has launched and operates the Unit for Rehabilitation of Victims of Torture and the Strengthening of Asylum for Refugees and Asylum Seekers as the implementing organization of UNHCR in Cyprus.

<http://www.urvt.org>

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Unit_of_Rehabilitation_of_Victims_of_Torture

http://www.futureworlds.eu/wiki/Strengthening_Asylum_for_Refugees_and_Asylum_Seekers_in_Cyprus

Future Worlds Center, a pioneer in the region

Future Worlds Center, like no other organization in the region, envisions, designs and implements strategically positioned projects. It is currently implementing at least TWO very important projects:

Act Beyond Borders: www.actbeyondborders.net

The Act Beyond Borders project actively engages civil society actors from Israel and Palestine to collaborate on jointly developed community action projects that aim to foster mutual understanding, to promote and advocate for the implementation of Human Rights standards in the region. This 3-year, almost 1 million euro project has already mobilized and trained dozens of civil society actors from both sides of the conflict who are working together for peace.

PPT about the project: <http://www.actbeyondborders.net/?pid=1>

Interview about the vision: <http://www.actbeyondborders.net/?pid=2>

Teach Millennium Development Goals: <http://teachmdgs.net/>

A pan-European project, coordinated by Future Worlds Center that aims to increase awareness and public support for the Millennium Development Goals by actively engaging teacher training institutes, teachers and pupils in developing local oriented teaching resources promoting the MDGs with a particular focus on sub-Saharan Africa and integrate these into the educational systems of European countries.

Past projects include:

Uniting for Citizenship and participation: Youth promoting vulnerable groups' Rights, Opportunities and Knowledge <http://ucyvrok.wetpaint.com/>

The project focused on the empowerment of young people from less privileged groups and the promotion of their increased participation in the Youth in Action program; it promoted young people's active citizenship, solidarity and tolerance through their participation in structured democratic dialogues.

Building A Multi-Ethnic and Multi-National Cyprus to Promote European Values and Regional and International Peace www.MulticulturalCyprus.net

This Project has been implemented between June 2007 and June 2008. The main objective of the project was to promote awareness and increase the sensitivity of the Cypriot Society on how a multi-ethnic and multi-cultural Cyprus serves European values and promotes regional and international peace. It also produced high quality booklets available on line: http://www.MulticulturalCyprus.net/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=7&Itemid=8&lang=en



Future Worlds Center (legal reg.:
Cyprus Neuroscience and Technology
Institute)
Global Education Unit

5 Promitheos, 1065 Lefkosia, CYPRUS
Tel. +357 22 87 38 20
Fax. +357 22 87 38 21 <http://actbeyondborders.net/>
<http://fwcis.blogspot.com/>



Extending EU Citizenship to the Eastern End of Europe www.eucitizenship.net

Funded by the EU Commission DG Justice, Freedom and Security, the project aimed to inform the public about their rights as EU citizens as well as about the rights of those who live in the EU and are not citizens. Information regarding EU citizenship and fundamental rights was made available through an automated interactive call center, specialized booklets, workshops, information days, panel discussions and radio and TV programs. The project produced 30 high quality booklets covering all angles of citizenship in three languages: http://www.eucitizenship.net/index.php?option=com_phocadownload&view=category&id=2%3Abooklets&Itemid=7&lang=en

Notable books written by Future Worlds Center Members

Members of Future Worlds Center have published more than 100 public and scientific reports. Moreover, they have published some books, which demonstrate their pioneer work in promoting universal values of freedom, democracy, citizenship and democratic participation.

Harry Anastasiou (2008)

The Broken Olive Branch . Nationalism, Ethnic Conflict, and the Quest for Peace in Cyprus (<http://www.syracuseuniversitypress.syr.edu/fall-2008/broken-olive-branch.html>)

Aleco Christakis (2009)

The Talking Point: Creating an Environment for Exploring Complex Meaning. With T.R. Flanagan. Boston, MA: Information Age Publishing. (http://www.amazon.com/Talking-Point-Creating-Environment-Exploring/dp/1607523612/ref=sr_1_2?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1314260846&sr=1-2)

Aleco Christakis (2006)

Co-laboratories of democracy: how people harness their collective wisdom to create the future. With Kenneth C. Bausch. Boston, MA: Information Age Publishing. (<http://www.amazon.com/Collective-Construct-Research-Management-Unnumbered/dp/1593114818>)

Yiannis Laouris (2011)

Masks of Demons: A journey into the Discovering and Breaking of Stereotypes in a Society in Conflict. (http://www.amazon.com/Masks-Demons-Discovering-Breaking-Stereotypes/dp/1461083206/ref=tmm_pap_title_0)

