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Ceremonious bestowal of the *First Kantian World Citizenship Award* on 9 May 2004 in the Konzerthaus in Freiburg

Award Winners: Gianfranco Mascis, Ravenna and Andreas Zumach, Geneva

The EU expansion of ten new members on 1 May 2004 gives a new dimension to the anniversary of Robert Schuman's initiative as a foundation of European integration. The proposed new constitution will be a milestone towards the creation of one Europe aspiring to be more than just an economic and legal community.

The award of the foundation „**Europe's Heritage as Task. The Freiburg Foundation for the Promotion of Kantian World Citizenship Ethics**“ wants to contribute the Europe's development as a community of shared values.

The foundation intends to strengthen and to promote consciousness regarding the context of independent and critical enlightenment and the European values of humanity, rule of law and peace in public life.

Kant's perception that wrong done anywhere in the world is felt and effective everywhere on the world is even more appropriate in times of globalization and violation of international law.

Processes to concentrate, economize and even monopolize in the media (e.g. in Berlusconi's Italy) are contraproductive to democratic freedom of opinion and formulation of political demands.

The foundation wants to acknowledge and honour social initiative dedicated to the free word, the open information and the courage of conviction of active citizens.

Unanimously, the First Kantian Prize of 15000 euros was awarded in equal parts to the **Italian graphic designer, internet publisher and civil rights campaigner Gianfranco Mascia (born 1961) from Ravenna** and to **Andreas Zumach, the German independent journalist, UN correspondent and peace activist (born 1954) from Geneva**.

The internationally reknown philosopher Professor Dr. Dr. hc. Otfried Höffe will deliver the honorary speech on „Immanuel Kant: a European World Citizen.

The musical framework of the ceremony lies in the hands of Yoriko Muto, a Kusmaul scholar (born 1988).

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