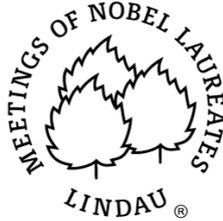


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## PRESS RELEASE

### Nobel Peace Laureate Portraits exhibited in Brussels

- *Opening of the exhibition “Nobel Peace Laureates in Portraits” by José Manuel Barroso, Herman Van Rompuy, Countess Bettina Bernadotte and Wolfgang Schürer*
- *38 portraits of Nobel Peace Laureates will be on display from 18 December until 9 January in the Presidential Gallery of the Berlaymont building of the European Commission in Brussels*
- *Presidents Barroso and Van Rompuy jointly announce the beneficiaries of the “EU Children of Peace” initiative*

*Lindau/Brussels, 18.12.2012.* On the occasion of the awarding of the Nobel Peace Prize to the European Union, 38 remarkable photo portraits of Nobel Peace Laureates will be exhibited in the Presidential Gallery of the Berlaymont building of the European Commission in Brussels. The opening of the exhibition is conducted by José Manuel Barroso, President of the European Commission, Herman Van Rompuy, President of the European Council, Countess Bettina Bernadotte, President of the Council for the Lindau Nobel Laureate Meetings, and Wolfgang Schürer, Chairman of the Foundation Lindau Nobelprizewinners Meetings at Lake Constance. The portrait exhibition has been compiled by the foundation as a token of appreciation for the support of the Lindau Meetings by the European Commission.

The portraits are part of a long term project of the Foundation Lindau Nobelprizewinners Meetings at Lake Constance. The Hamburg-born photographer Peter Badge is about to create a complete gallery of unique personal portraits of each and every living Nobel Laureate. What began as a small collection in the year 2000 now encompasses over 350 portraits. Badge's portraits convey enthusiasm for scientific, literary and humanitarian achievements and reveal the beauty of the human intellect. They manage to generate interest in and recognition for the accomplishments of the Laureates. Many of the photos were taken at the Lindau Nobel Laureate Meetings.

Every summer since 1951, these unique scientific meetings have been bringing together 20 to 30 Nobel Laureates and about 600 excellent young scientists from up to 70 countries – for the exchange of knowledge, ideas and inspiration, and for the establishments of valuable contacts among each other. The meetings are alternately dedicated to physiology or medicine, physics, and chemistry. Additional meetings on economic sciences are held every three years. Nobel Peace Laureates have participated time and again within the history of the meetings: Albert Schweitzer, Willy Brandt, Linus Carl Pauling, Muhammad Yunus, Rajendra Pachauri, chairman of the award-winning Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), and Unni Karunakara, president of the award winning organisation Médecins Sans Frontières.

Established more than 60 years ago as a European initiative of reconciliation among scientists after World War II, the Lindau Meetings have evolved into a truly international forum for science and society. This fruitful on-going development is closely connected with the remarkable history of European unification. Also due to substantial support by the European Commission, the Lindau Meetings are widely perceived as a beacon for Europe's commitment to connect scientists around the globe.

During the opening ceremony José Manuel Barroso, President of the European Commission, and Herman Van Rompuy, President of the European Council, jointly announced the beneficiaries of the initiative "EU Children of Peace" which is financed by the Nobel Peace Prize award money. The European Union has decided to double the Nobel Prize money and award it to educational projects for children in war zones and areas of conflict.

During his opening speech, Wolfgang Schürer, Chairman of the Foundation Lindau Nobelprizewinners Meetings at Lake Constance, pointed out that the European Union and the Lindau Meetings share a common goal. "By bringing together people we are trying to enhance mutual understanding. In case of the Lindau Meetings the catalyst is outstanding science, personified by the Nobel Laureates. The aim is to build bridges - between disciplines, between nations, between cultures - but above all, between generations. We do this in the knowledge that it is the younger generation who carry our hopes for the future and for a peaceful and better world. Against the scale of the European Union, our achievements may be modest, but we share the same goals."

The Lindau Meetings are organised by the Council for the Lindau Nobel Laureate Meetings, presided by Countess Bettina Bernadotte, and the Foundation Lindau Nobelprizewinners

Meetings at Lake Constance. The foundation was established in the year 2000 on the initiative of fifty Nobel Laureates, the Bernadotte family, and the council members. Ever since, Wolfgang Schürer has been the chairman of the board. In general, the foundation's objective is to promote science, research, and related social activities. In particular, its main purpose is to ensure the continuance and further development of the Lindau Meetings. This includes the support of projects and initiatives in the realm of the "Mission Education" – projects like Peter Badge's photography. More than 260 Nobel Laureates have joined the Founders Assembly, including – in alphabetic order – the Nobel Peace Laureates Martti Ahtisaari, Jimmy Carter, Michail Gorbachev, Mairead Corrigan Maguire, José Ramos-Horta, Joseph Rotblat, Ellen Johnson Sirleaf, Jody Williams and Muhammad Yunus.

Photos and video footage of the opening ceremony are available for download here:

<http://ec.europa.eu/avservices/index.cfm?sitelang=en>

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