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UND JOHANN-PHILIPP PALM



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PALM-FOUNDATION

registered non-profit organisation
Schorndorf

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Pharmacists, entrepreneurs and founders from Schorndorf/Baden-Wuerttemberg, Germany:
Mrs and Mr Palm

We commemorate our founders

PhD Elsa Maria Palm, née Krampf

* 9. Mai 1923 in Einsiedel/Saxony

† 2. September 2008 in Schorndorf

Johann-Philipp Palm

* 9. Oktober 1918 in Pluederhausen

† 8. Mai 2005 in Buehl

The Palm-Foundation will continue their work in their sense and as a worthy representative.

The Palm-Foundation is a non-profit organisation located in Schorndorf/Germany. It was founded and legally registered in 1995. The initiators and donors of the foundation's capital were the pharmacists Maria and Johann-Philipp Palm.

The Palm-Foundation is managed by an executive board of directors. It is controlled by a supervisory board. The general meeting of members holds guaranteed rights of co-determination. The head office in Schorndorf/Baden-Wuerttemberg and a branch office in Dresden/Saxony coordinate the projects and are glad to assist you in all respects.



Human rights day at school, InnKurzfilmFest (short film festival) in Braunau/Inn, Austria, scholarship Master in Human Rights at FAU Erlangen-Nuremberg

Our agenda

We are mainly promoting projects in the following fields:

- schooling and education
- youth and sports
- science and research
- preservation of historical monuments and local heritage
- welfare of the elderly and handicapped
- advancement of democracy and civil society
- social and charitable responsibilities of the church





»No power shall
ever bear me down,
I will always flourish anew.«

Impresa of the Palm family

An institution in Schorndorf – and beyond

Schorndorf is a town of about 40.000 inhabitants in Southern Germany. It looks back on a rich history of winegrowing, trading and industry. Over the centuries, it has moulded a self-confident civil society based on Christian ideals and principles.

Since the foundation of our organisation, our promotion work has been particularly important for the city of Schorndorf, where the Palm family has been documented since 1644 with a pharmacy in the city center. Our work is specifically geared towards the citizens of Schorndorf, who enrich and shape the common good of the city, making it a place worth living in.

Another region to which we feel connected, is the Saxonian Upper Lusatia. In the native region of the organisation's co-founder Dr Maria Palm, we also pursue the above mentioned objectives.

Johann-Philip-Palm-Award for Freedom of Speech and of the Press

The award is endowed with 20,000 Euros and can be distributed to as many as three laureates (institutions or persons). It bears the name of Johann Philipp Palm, a historical role model in the struggle for freedom of speech and the press. The festive award-celebration is a public event and takes place every even year on the first Sunday in December.

Patronage of the award: The Prime Minister of the State of Baden-Wuerttemberg

Cooperation partners of the foundation: Amnesty International, House of History Baden-Wuerttemberg, Journalists Help Journalists (JhJ e.V.), Reporters without Borders, City of Schorndorf



2002



2010



2012



2006



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2016

Our Laureates

2000
 2002
 Sihem Bensedrine, journalist (Tunisia)
 Christian Fuehrer, priest (Germany)

2004
 2006
 Sergej Duvanov, journalist (Kasakhstan)
 Women's Journal »Malalai« (Afghanistan)

2008
 2010
 Asya Tretjuk, journalist (Belarus)
 Daily Newspaper »The Point« (Gambia)

2012
 2016
 Seyran Ates, writer and lawyer (Germany)
 Itai Mushekwe, journalist (Zimbabwe)

2000

2002

2004

2006

2008

2010



2006



2014



2014



2004



2012



2008

Mahboubeh Abtashgolizadeh, women's rights activist (Iran)
 Pedro Matias Arazola, journalist (Mexico)

PhD Alaa Al-Aswani, writer (Egypt)
 † Hrant Dink, writer and editor (Turkey)

Nazeera Saeed, journalist (Bahrain)
 Salijon Abdurakhmanov, journalist (Uzbekistan)

Ines Lydie Gakiza, radio journalist (Burundi)
 Group »Academics for Peace« (Turkey)

Štefica Galić, human rights activist, journalist (Bosnia-Herzegovina)
 Josephine Achiro Fortelo, radio journalist and media trainer (South Sudan)

10

2012

2014

2016

2018

Laureates

The biography of Johann Philipp Palm shows that by exercising freedom of expression, which is often taken for granted in the democratic constitutional state, the worst personal consequences under a regime of injustice can result.

By awarding this prize, we honour women, men and institutions that are, just as Johann Philipp Palm, of outstanding prominence in the promotion of freedom of speech and the press.

Since the first award in 2002, numerous journalists, human rights activists, newspapers, magazines, non-profit organisations, etc. from all over the world have been awarded with the Johann-Philipp-Palm-Award.

The fundamental rights of freedom of speech and of freedom of the press are not only embedded in the constitution of a free democratic constitutional state as constitutive elements (article 5 of the German Basic Law), but are also recognised as fundamental human rights throughout Europe (article 10 of the European Convention on Human Rights) and worldwide (article 19 of the Declaration of Human Rights, UNESCO declaration by Windhoek).

Do you know a commendable person or organisation?

We will gladly accept well-founded nominations and help with background research.

*»I can neither
be importunate nor servile.«*

Johann Philipp Palm (1766-1806)





Johann Philipp Palm



Portrait of Palm from
the magazine »Freya«,
approx. 1865

Son of the city of Schorndorf

Johann Philipp Palm is born on 18 December 1766, in the Palm family's pharmacy in Schorndorf. His father, Johann Leonhard Palm, is a surgeon; his mother Christina Elisabeth, née Muerdter, is a baker's daughter.

He attends the local Latin school and at 14 years of age, he departs to Erlangen to complete an apprenticeship as a book dealer with his uncle, Johann Jakob Palm. Later on, he resides in Goettingen and Frankfurt/Main.

Citizen, book dealer and publisher in Nuremberg

In 1796, Johann Philipp Palm becomes a citizen of Nuremberg and marries Anna Katharina Barbara, the daughter of a Nuremberg book dealer named Stein. After his father in law's death, he becomes the sole owner of J. A. Stein's bookstore.

In 1806, large parts of Germany are occupied by the French under Napoleon Bonaparte. The general public faces social, political and economic hardship. Johann Philipp Palm prints and publishes the anonymously written pamphlet »Germany in its deep humiliation«. It harshly criticises the Emperor's imperial politics in the disguise of liberty as well as the collaboration of the German rulers with the military dictatorship for their own acquisition. The author calls for resistance against the occupying power.

Documents like this sell well in Germany in those times, and they provoke Napoleon's most intense anger. He puts the fact straight that he will not tolerate any criticism towards his person or his governing style: As the author is unknown, he gives orders that the pamphlet's distributors stand trial before a French military court and be executed within twenty-four hours of a guilty verdict.

Execution in Braunau am Inn

On 14 August 1806, Johann Philipp Palm is captured by French occupational troops and brought before a military court in Braunau am Inn/Austria. Without legal representation, Palm is left to his own defence. He knows well the pamphlet's anonymous writer; but he does not, however, reveal his name. Until today, the author question has not been answered.

On 26 August 1806, Johann Philipp Palm, a citizen of a free city of the German Reich, in a time of peace, is found guilty by a French military court on Austrian ground in a mock trial. Within only three hours of the proceedings, he is executed.

»For Liberty against Violence«

Advocating the fundamental rights of freedom of speech and freedom of the press is not only in the interest of every single citizen, but it serves the common good. Democracy presupposes the informed citizen and a fair competition of competing opinions. Both rights occupy an important place in a free democratic constitutional structure and both have to be reclaimed again and again.

Those people who inform the public responsibly in order to reveal conflicts and those who express their opinions in order for change to happen are the ones who form the basis of a free society.

The biography of Johann Philipp Palm is an encouraging commitment to human rights. The Palm-Foundation has dedicated its work to this legacy.



Palm is led to his execution by J. Weiser for the magazine »Gartenlaube« (approx. 1880); title page of the pamphlet's first print (June 1806); memorial by Lohrer/Eisele at Dr Palm's Pharmacy in Schorndorf (approx. 1978)



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