

## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **INTERNATIONAL HRANT DINK AWARD**

As of 2009, The International Hrant Dink Foundation is going to present the **International Hrant Dink Award** annually on Hrant Dink's birthday, September 15.

The prize will be given to persons who endeavor for a more free and just world, struggle for the establishment of a system free of discrimination, racism and violence, take personal risks for those ideals, disable recitations, use the language of peace and style, and by doing these, give inspiration and hope to others to carry on with their struggle.

With this award, the Foundation aims to remind to all those that struggle for these ideals that their voices are heard, their work is visible and that they are not alone, and also to provide them moral support and encouragement.

The Foundation has established a special Award Committee in order to determine this year's awardees. As of next year, an international jury will undertake the selections of the nominees and the winners.

The International Hrant Dink Award will be presented by an international ceremony on Tuesday, 15th September 2009, between 20.30-22.00 hours at Istanbul Cemal Reşit Rey Consert Hall.

#### **International Hrant Dink Foundation 2009 Award Committee**

Ali Bayramođlu (Chair, Award Committee)

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