

The Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF) Diversity Creates Award Presentation Ceremony 2018

The ASEAN University Network (AUN) honors the 1st ASEF Diversity Creates Award in Bucharest.



From left: Ambassador Karsten WARNECKE, Executive Director, Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF), Dr. Choltis DHIRATHITI, Executive Director, ASEAN University Network, Mr. Rolf RING, Deputy Director & Head of the Department for Administration and Finance, Raoul Wallenberg Institute, Ambassador TUMUR Lkhagvadorj, Chair of ASEF's Board of Governors, H.E. Ms. Melania-Gabriela CIOT, Secretary of State for European Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Romania, Mr. Conor O'CLERY, ASEF's Governor from Ireland, the initiator of the Award, Dr. YEO Lay Hwee, Director, EU Centre in Singapore, Dr. Peter WITTERAUF, General Secretary, Hanns Seidel Foundation, and Mr. SUN Xiangyang, Deputy Executive Director, ASEF

June 7, 2018 in Bucharest, Romania, the ASEAN University Network, represented by Dr. Choltis Dhirathiti, the AUN Executive Director, received the pinnacle of the first ever ASEF Diversity Creates Award, at the Gala Night of the 38th ASEF Board of Governors' Meeting (ASEFBoG).

The ASEFBoG recognised individuals and institutions making an outstanding contribution to ASEF's mission of promoting greater mutual understanding, civil society cooperation, and improving connectivity between the people of Asia and Europe.

Present at the handing over ceremony were Honorable representatives of the ASEF Board of Governors representing member countries in Asia and Europe, the Government of Romania, the ASEF Executive Office, development partners and other dignitaries.

This year, the ASEF Diversity Creates Awards were presented to the two individuals and two institutions as follows:

Individual

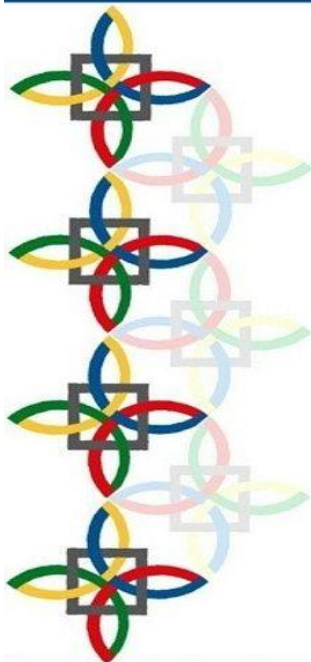
Mr. Rolf RING (Sweden);

Dr. YEO Lay Hwee (Singapore);

Institution

ASEAN University Network (ASEAN); and

Hanns Seidel Foundation (Germany)



**ASEF Diversity Creates Award
1997-2017**

Mr Rolf RING (Sweden)

Dr YEO Lay Hwee (Singapore)

ASEAN University Network

Hanns Seidel Foundation (Germany)

We are proud to be named one of the most prestige institutions and the only one in Asia for the ASEF Diversity Creates Award 2018. This dignity given in honor of the entire ASEAN University Network.

About the ASEF Diversity Creates Award:

Selection Criteria

Candidates for the ASEF Diversity Creates Award 1997-2017 would have been engaged in past ASEF projects as participants or partners. Through their input during ASEF events, by conducting spin-off activities, or in their independent work, they have made an extraordinary contribution to promoting ASEF's core values:

Knowledge-sharing

- Contributed to the exchange of good practices between Asia and Europe in areas linked to ASEF's themes
- Raised awareness about ASEF and ASEM among civil society

Innovation

- Demonstrated a creative and entrepreneurial approach to addressing common societal challenges
- Initiated new ideas for enhancing Asia-Europe cooperation

Inclusion

- Facilitated the participation of under-represented groups, marginalised communities, minorities, and people with disabilities in social life
- Demonstrated commitment to challenging systematic prejudices

Sustainability

- Fostered long-term collaboration among civil society and stakeholders across Asia and Europe
- Empowered local actors as a spin-off to an ASEF project