

Version Française

Le Directeur de Civitas Maxima récompensé par l'Ordre des Avocats de Genève

Alain Werner, avocat, directeur et fondateur de Civitas Maxima, a reçu hier soir, vendredi 5 avril, lors du banquet annuel de l'Ordre des Avocats de Genève, le Prix "Bâtonnier Michel Halpérin de l'Excellence".

Ce prix honore la mémoire du Bâtonnier Michel Halpérin décédé en 2014. Me Michel Halpérin fût l'un des plus grands avocats de sa génération. Son intelligence, son intégrité et son engagement ont marqué pour longtemps les esprits à Genève et au-delà. Le précédent récipiendaire de ce prix est l'illustre avocat genevois Jean-Marie Crettaz.

Le jury de ce prix était composé cette année de 13 personnalités de premier plan du monde juridique suisse dont une juge fédérale, et 5 anciens Bâtonniers.

Le Président du jury, Me Marc Joory, a déclaré lors de la remise de prix: *«En 2012, Alain Werner a eu la vision de créer l'association Civitas Maxima afin d'assurer la meilleure représentation possible des victimes de crimes de masse. Cette vision est née d'un simple constat aussi navrant qu'implacable. Aucune victime des conflits particulièrement sanglants du Libéria n'obtiendrait justice sans l'aide de la société civile. [...] Alain Werner, ce n'est pas seulement un parcours exemplaire, ayant débouché sur une oeuvre majeure fondamentale. C'est d'abord une énergie indomptable inépuisable, un corps en mouvement perpétuel [...] Alain Werner c'est une incandescence»*.

Civitas Maxima et le Global Justice and Research Project félicitent chaleureusement Alain Werner pour cette récompense qui honore sa carrière ainsi que son engagement sans faille en faveur des victimes de crimes de masse.

Genève, le 6 avril 2019

English Version

Civitas Maxima's Director rewarded by the Bar Association of Geneva

Yesterday, 5th of April, Alain Werner, lawyer, director and founder of Civitas Maxima, was awarded the prize "Bâtonnier Michel Halpérin for Excellence" by the Geneva Bar Association.

This prize is given in the memory of Chairman of the Bar Association Michel Halpérin, deceased in 2014. Michel Halpérin was one of the greatest lawyers of his generation: his intelligence, integrity and commitment have long inspired the community of Geneva and beyond. The previous winner of the prize was the illustrious lawyer Jean-Marie Crettaz.

This year, the jury of the prize was composed by leading personalities of the Swiss legal world including a federal judge, and 5 former Presidents of the Geneva Bar.

The president of the jury, Marc Joory, stated as he awarded the prize: *"In 2012, Alain Werner had a vision - to create the NGO Civitas Maxima to ensure the best possible representation of victims of mass crimes. This vision was born from a simple observation that was as distressing as it was undeniably true: no victim of Liberia's particularly bloody conflicts would obtain justice without the help of civil society. [...] Alain Werner not only has an exemplary career - formed by many milestones - but he is also first and foremost an inexhaustible indomitable energy source, a body in perpetual motion [...] Alain Werner is incandescent."*

Civitas Maxima and the Global Justice and Research Project sincerely congratulate Alain Werner for this award, which honors his career and his unwavering commitment to victims of mass crimes.

Geneva, April 6th 2019

About **CIVITAS MAXIMA**

Civitas Maxima (CM), based in Geneva, ensures the coordination of a network of international lawyers and investigators who work for the interests of those who have been victims of international crimes, particularly **war crimes** and **crimes against humanity**.

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About the **GJRP**

The **Global Justice and Research Project** (GJRP) is a Liberia-based non-profit, non-governmental organization that documents war crimes and, where possible, seeks justice for victims of these crimes, with the full consent of the victims.

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