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TWELVE STARS FOR THE ENVIRONMENT AWARD

Celebrating Environmental Excellence

WINNER 2014

To mark its 40th anniversary, the European Environmental Bureau is presenting four 'Twelve Stars for the Environment' Awards. The winners are outstanding individuals who in different ways have made an exceptional contribution to the cause of environmental sustainability in Europe.

The Awards will be presented on the occasion of the EEB 40th anniversary celebrations on 1 December 2014 at the BIP, Brussels.

The winners have been selected by the EEB Board following an open nomination process and recommendations for nominees from the EEB Twelve Star Award Committee consisting of the EEB President, Vice-Presidents and Secretary General.

Posthumous Award

Marc Pallemarts

In memory of an outstanding champion of the environment

For his contribution to strengthening environmental law



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Marc Pallemmaerts

Our Award to Marc Pallemmaerts (1960-2014) is in recognition of his extensive and outstanding contribution to environmental law at European and international levels.

Marc combined a rare intelligence and breadth of knowledge as a lawyer and academic with a passion, persistence and ambition that made him a formidable advocate for stronger laws to protect the environment. He was able to apply his remarkable drafting skills in the heat of international negotiations, always with a view to achieving the most progressive feasible outcomes.

'With Marc's untimely death in May 2014, the European environmental movement lost one of its greatest legal champions,' said EEB President Mikael Karlsson. *'Marc's contribution to the Aarhus Convention - just one of many areas in which he has made a real difference – was truly outstanding.'*

Highlights of Marc's outstanding environmental achievement

- Environmental rights champion: During the negotiation of the Aarhus Convention, Marc led the drafting work on the access to justice pillar and was the main driving force behind the enshrinement of the right of future generations to a healthy environment in Article 1. Later, he chaired at different times the Meeting of the Parties, the Task Force on Access to Justice and the Expert Group on Long Term Strategic Planning, in all cases pushing for the best possible results in a politically adverse climate.
- Climate Change negotiator: Marc was chief negotiator under the 2001 Belgian Presidency of the EU on international climate change negotiations, architect of the Marrakesh accords, member of the Kyoto Protocol Committee and Vice-Chair of the UNFCCC Ad Hoc Working Group on Long Term Cooperative Action.
- Environmental policy expert: Marc made contributions to policy debates on WTO rules, product regulation, chemicals' regulation; and was member of the Management Board of the European Chemicals Agency (ECHA) and alternate member of the Board of Appeal of ECHA.
- Global environmental and human rights advocate: Marc's role as UN Special Rapporteur on the implications for human rights of the environmentally sound management and disposal of hazardous substances and waste is just one example of his work at the interface between environment and human rights.
- Accomplished academic: Marc had a distinguished academic career in environmental law, having published extensively and held senior positions with the Vrije Universiteit Brussel, Université Libre de Bruxelles and the University of Amsterdam among others.