

The Nobel Peace Prize Watch

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Dear “champions of peace”

(the expression used by Alfred Nobel to name the beneficiaries of his peace prize)

ICAN was great! NOW we wish a *genuine NOBEL PRIZE FOR PEACE IN 2018 TOO!*

Having demanded respect for Nobel’s idea for ten years we were jubilant when ICAN won the 2017 prize. Committee chair Berit Reiss-Andersen gave a formidable Nobel speech, one of the best in the 116 years history of the prize. With a rare clarity, she explained how the ICAN prize conformed to the “essence of Alfred Nobel’s purpose”

We wish to see a repetition, a true Nobel prize also in 2018. The Nobel committee finally got it right in 2017, but Norwegian politicians again displayed lack of loyalty to Nobel’s alternative peace system. Despite protests against their corrupt selection system the seats on the Nobel Committee were once again used as a tool for political bargaining and a bonus for veteran politicians. The protests even included 17 Norwegian professors of law who said Parliament must follow Nobel’s will.

ICAN used their hours in the global limelight in a most professional way. Their well prepared, moving, really convincing speeches told the world what the attention of a Nobel prize, along with a USD 1 000 000 cheque, can do for peace and disarmament. (And would do for the environment, democracy, women, children, everywhere, every year, if only Nobel’s global co-operation against war could be realized).

What people and causes are qualified, considering Nobel’s testament? Please take a look at the NPPW screening guidelines and our presentation of those qualified to win – see: “Candidates 2017” on nobelwill.org. Then please ensure that the Nobel committee receives, by January 31, a valid nomination within Nobel’s peace idea Send to the Nobel committee, postmaster@nobel.no (and **forward** a *copy* to: nominations@nobelwill.org). Please inform your networks, publish articles in newsletters and general media – use the attached or edits from nobelwill.org.

Best regards

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A broad peace prize or a precise Nobel – does it matter?

The 2017 Nobel prize for ICAN and nuclear disarmament was great. The Nobel committee said it conformed to the “essence of Alfred Nobel’s purpose”. Fine! But normally the awarders practice “a broad concept of peace.” Is that a good thing?

Of course we all wish peace work to be pursued by all, everywhere. But, are all roads to “peace” equally important and efficient? Not according to Alfred Nobel. He had a distinctive idea of HOW to achieve global peace by striking the war machinery at its heart and wished to support durable and reliable peace by a global, peaceful co-operation on disarmament and international law. The global co-operation of NGOs that seeks the best for our common planet across all divides – nations, borders, religions, political, and social systems – are the embodiment of Nobel’s idea in today’s world. This is why the 2017 prize for ICAN was a perfect illustration of Nobel’s idea.

Now we are eager to secure a repetition in 2018. The Nobel Peace Prize Watch hopes many proper, valid nominations will reach the Nobel committee postmaster@nobel.no by Jan. 31, 2018. More on nobelwill.org (Please send us a copy, nominations@nobelwill.org).

The custodians of a will have a legal obligation to respect and cultivate its idea. This means that a political view of peace is entitled to legal protection.

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Unfortunately 1): Norwegian politicians, acting as Nobel’s trustees, have never been willing to make a proper study of what Nobel actually intended, and when a proper study finally was published they have adamantly refused to consider its findings.

Unfortunately 2): the Norwegian awarders today take the opposite approach of Nobel’s *peace by disarmament* – they believe in peace by military means and have transformed the prize to suit their ideas! (The 2017 prize is one of few exceptions to the normal rule).

To benefit from Nobel’s great donation, the citizens of the world must not permit official Norway to use the prize for its own, mainly US and NATO-loyal, ideas. Norwegian politicians will, unless we insist on respect for the precise, visionary idea of Nobel, continue to destroy the prize by spreading it as crumbs in all directions.

Nobel’s antimilitarist prize, used as intended, could do a lot of good in many fields, improve the environment, further democracy, protect women and children, reduce poverty, save precious resources etc. It could have all these effects every year, everywhere – if properly used. It is for these reasons it is essential to insist that the prize must serve Nobel’s precise vision of peace, and the “champions of peace” he

had in mind. The various pet ideas we all have are well served by Nobel prizes that in line with the will of Alfred Nobel strike at the heart of militarism; prizes that seek to replace the global war anarchy with a law-based global peace system.

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