

Paul Reuter Fund established

Professor Paul Reuter, Honorary Professor of the University of Paris, member of the Institute of International Law, President of the U.N. Commission for International Law, has donated to the ICRC the sum of 200,000 Swiss francs.

With this sum, the ICRC has, in accordance with the donor's wishes, set up a Fund, the revenue from which is to be used to encourage a work or an undertaking in the field of international humanitarian law and its dissemination. The Fund may be increased by further donations.

Parallel to this, a Paul Reuter Prize has been created, to be awarded for a work in the field of international humanitarian law. This Prize is 2,000 Swiss francs; in addition, the Fund may, where necessary, make a contribution towards the publication of the work for which the prize is awarded.

Mr Jean Pictet, member and former Vice-President of the ICRC, has agreed to preside over the Commission set up by the ICRC to administer the Fund and its revenue.

International Review has the pleasure of conveying this news to the National Societies, who are requested to bring the existence of the Fund and the Prize to the attention of anyone who may be interested. The rules both of the Fund and for the Award of the Paul Reuter Prize are cited below.

Statutes of the Paul Reuter Fund

CHAPTER I

Establishment, Purpose and Proprietorship of the Fund

Article 1

The Paul Reuter Fund (hereinafter referred to as the Fund) has been established. The initial capital of the Fund derives from the donation

in the amount of two hundred thousand Swiss francs made by Professor Paul Reuter to the ICRC. This capital may be augmented by gifts or bequests.

Article 2

The Fund shall be administered in an independent account by the ICRC, which shall be the exclusive proprietor of the Fund.

Article 3

The ICRC shall distribute the income issuing from the Fund which it administers according to the rules hereinafter set forth.

Article 4

In the event that the income from the Fund no longer permits of accomplishing the stated purpose, the Assembly of the ICRC, on the proposal of the Fund Committee, may decide to liquidate the Fund. In such a case, it shall allocate the capital to projects in keeping with the purposes of the Fund.

Article 5

Without prejudice to Article 4, the ICRC may neither assign nor transfer the Fund. It shall dispose only of the income.

CHAPTER II

Purpose of the Fund

Article 6

In accordance with the wishes of the donor, the Fund is intended to encourage and promote knowledge of and the dissemination of international humanitarian law.

The income from the Fund may be allocated:

- to reward a work;
- to assist in the implementation of a project;
- to make a publication possible;
- to remunerate an activity or a special effort in the sphere of the dissemination of knowledge of international humanitarian law.

A Paul Reuter Prize, rewarding a work in the sphere of international humanitarian law, shall be awarded biennially, in accordance with the

rules of this Prize, with certain exceptions at the discretion of the Fund Committee.

Article 7

The Fund Committee shall have at its disposal annually the income from the Fund.

The Fund Committee may decide to carry over all or part of the income from the Fund to the following year when it shall be added to the income of that year.

The carry-over of allocations of the income from the Fund may not surpass three consecutive years.

CHAPTER III

Organization and Administration of the Fund

Article 8

The Fund shall be administered independently by a Fund Committee consisting of one member of the ICRC, appointed by the latter, who shall be its Chairman, and of two members of the ICRC staff, appointed by the Direction of the ICRC.

Deputy members shall also be appointed.

The members and deputy members of the Fund Committee shall be appointed for a period of four years, which may be renewed.

For the purpose of awarding the Paul Reuter Prize, the Fund Committee shall appoint two persons from without the ICRC who, with the Committee members, shall compose the Paul Reuter Prize jury.

Article 9

The secretariat of the Fund Committee shall be provided by the ICRC Legal Division and shall deal with current matters in the administration of the Fund and with administrative affairs relating thereto. A member of the secretariat shall participate, in a consultative capacity, in the discussions of the Committee.

Article 10

Decisions of the Fund Committee shall be adopted by a majority of votes. Decisions concerning the Paul Reuter Prize shall be adopted by a majority of jury members.

Article 11

The accounts of the Fund shall be audited according to the same procedure applicable to the accounts of the ICRC, and they shall be published in the ICRC Annual Report.

Article 12

The Fund Committee shall meet at least once annually at the convocation of its Chairman, who may convene it as often as he deems necessary.

Article 13

Decisions on the allocations from the income of the Fund and, when appropriate, the name of the Paul Reuter Prize laureate, shall be made public by the President of the ICRC on 12 February each year, in commemoration of the founder's birthday.

CHAPTER IV

Rules of the Fund

Article 14

A) Any person, group of people, institution and organization working for a purpose which corresponds to that of the Fund may apply for assistance from the Fund.

The application should be made to the Chairman of the Fund Committee before 15 November of the year preceding the allocation of the income from the Fund.

In addition to personal information on the candidate(s), the application should contain a brief description of the action, activity, undertaking or work for which the application is made.

B) An application for the Paul Reuter Prize should be based on a work and should be presented in accordance with the rules of the Fund.

Article 15

The Chairman of the Fund Committee shall consider the applications submitted to him and shall transmit them to the Committee with a preliminary opinion.

Article 16

The Committee shall examine the files thus submitted to it. It may allocate the income from the Fund to one or several of the applicants, apportioning it as it deems fit.

Article 17

All applicants considered by the Committee for the allocation shall be notified of the decisions of the Committee.

The Committee may attach such conditions as it deems appropriate to the allocation of the income from the Fund.

CHAPTER V

Final Provisions

Article 18

The present Statutes were adopted by the Executive Board of the International Committee of the Red Cross at its meeting on 6 January 1983.

Article 19

The said Board is the sole body competent to amend, review or make any addition to the present Statutes.

Article 20

In the event of a dispute arising from the application of the present Statutes, the Executive Board of the ICRC shall be the sole authority to decide the issue.

Regulations of the Paul Reuter Prize

On 21 August 1983, in accordance with the Statutes of the Fund, the Commission of the Fund laid down the following Regulations for the Paul Reuter Prize:

Article 1

In accordance with art. 6 of the Statutes of the Paul Reuter Fund, a Paul Reuter Prize has been set up. It will be awarded every other year, unless decided otherwise.

Article 2

The Prize will be awarded for a work aimed at improving knowledge or understanding of international humanitarian law.

The work must either be still unpublished or have been published during the year preceding the award or even the year before.

Article 3

Any author of a work complying with the conditions in article 2 may apply. He should address his application to the President of the Commission of the Paul Reuter Fund, International Committee of the Red Cross, Geneva, before the 15 November of the year preceding the award of the Prize.

Article 4

The candidate must include in his application:

- a brief curriculum vitae,
- a list of his publications,
- three unabridged copies of the work submitted to the Commission.

Article 5

The texts on which the application is based must be written in French, English or Spanish.

Article 6

The name of the prizewinner will be announced by the President of the ICRC on 12 February of the year in which the Prize is awarded.

The prizewinner will receive a certificate confirming the award, as well as the sum of 2,000 Swiss francs.

The work for which the Prize is awarded shall bear the words: "Winner of the Paul Reuter Prize... (year), awarded by the International Committee of the Red Cross".

Article 7

The Prize will be presented to the winner by the President of the ICRC or by a person appointed by him.

Article 8

The decisions of the Commission are final.

Article 9

Amendments to the present Rules can be made only by the Commission of the Paul Reuter Fund.
