



International Balzan Foundation

Press release

New Members on the Balzan General Prize Committee

Milan, 3 July 2017 - Børge Diderichsen and Nathalie Heinich have been appointed to the General Prize Committee of the International Balzan Foundation "Prize". They replace Marc Van Montagu and Dominique Schnapper.

Børge Diderichsen (Denmark) is Vice President of Novo Nordisk, Denmark, Head of R&D Outreach partnerships in diabetes and haemophilia research in China and other emerging markets; Vice Chair of the Board of Novo Nordisk-Chinese Academy of Sciences Research Fund; Chairman of the International Advisory Board of VIB (Flemish Institute of Biotechnology) in Gent, Belgium. **Nathalie Heinich** (France) is Research Director in sociology at the Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique (CNRS, Paris) and member of the Centre de Recherches sur les Arts et le Langage (CRAL) at the École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales (EHESS) Paris.

The Balzan "Prize" Foundation thanks **Professors Van Montagu and Schnapper** for their invaluable contribution to the Balzan Prize while serving on the General Prize Committee.

The General Prize Committee works within the "Prize" Foundation in Milan. Chaired by Salvatore Veca, it is currently composed of nineteen internationally renowned members selected from among Europe's most distinguished figures in the humanities, sciences and arts.

The General Prize Committee establishes the subject areas for the awards and decides on the winners from among the nominations entered by the world's most important international cultural institutions – universities, research institutes and academies – at the Foundation's request.

The International Balzan Foundation, founded in 1957, operates through two separate institutions. The International Balzan Foundation "Prize" in Milan, chaired by Enrico Decleva, selects the subjects to be awarded and the candidates through its General Prize Committee. The Balzan Foundation "Fund" in Zurich, chaired by Gisèle Girgis-Musy, administers the estate left by Eugenio Balzan, so as to place at the disposal of the International Balzan Foundation "Prize" the financial means necessary to realize its objective.