

President Ivanov Awarded Crans Montana Forum's Prix de la Fondation 2014

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President Ivanov is awarded for his personal contribution to the activities and achievements in all areas of society, and for his commitment to the defense of fundamental freedoms. Photo: Facebook/Gjorge Ivanov

Macedonian President **Gjorge Ivanov** was awarded **Prix de la Fondation 2014** of the **Crans Montana Forum**, informs the Board of the Forum.

President Ivanov is awarded for his personal contribution to the activities and achievements in all areas of society, and for his commitment to the defense of fundamental freedoms.

“I am proud that what **Macedonia** is doing now is what the world will be facing in the future because all societies in the future will be multiethnic, multi-religious and multilingual. We need leaders who know how to deal with diversity, not to destroy diversity. What we are seeing in the Middle East is a result of a closed mind, people who cannot open their mind and recognize diversity and to live with it. We live in a world where changes are occurring rapidly. Global media, the Internet brings the global process of ethnic revival, religious revival and language revival. Every day new communities are created on the internet, on Facebook, on Twitter. The territory loses its meaning. These new communities live in their own worlds,” President Ivanov said, adding that this prestigious award is recognition for the Republic of **Macedonia** and the Macedonian people.

The Board of **Crans Montana Forum** has also awarded with the **Prix de la Fondation 2014** Ban Ki-moon, Secretary General of the United Nations, Bakir Izetbegovic, Chairman of the Presidency of the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina and Aminata Toure, former Prime Minister of Senegal.

During the ceremony in Geneva on Friday, the award was also presented posthumously to Herve Gourdel, Martyr of Innocence and Liberty.

Previous winners of this prestigious award are the former and the future European Commission presidents Jose Manuel Barroso and Jean-Claude Juncker, former UN Secretary General Boutros Boutros Ghali, former Prime Minister of Israel, Yitzhak Rabin, the former president of Afghanistan, Hamid Karzai, former Romanian president Ion Iliescu, former Prime Minister of Serbia, Zoran Djindjic, Richard Holbrooke, Lech Walesa, Benazir Bhutto and other world leaders and prominent figures from political and social life.

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