



The European Hospitality Foundation grants Imants Lancmanis the nobel price of the hospitality industry

Brussels, 16 October 2014 – Imants Lancmanis, painter, specialist in Art History, restauration of art and architectural monuments, received today the nobel price of the hospitality sector, granted by the European Hospitality Foundation.

“I would like to congratulate Mr. Imants Lancmanis for his remarkable contribution towards the Hospitality sector over the years”, said Mr. Kent Nyström President of Hotrec.

Imants Lancmanis dedicated his entire life to art history, architectural restauration of monuments, painting. He was also the author of several art books and developed a great performance as social worker. Mr. Lancmanis is since 1975 the director of Rundale Palace, the Versailles of Latvia. The complete restauration work of the palace has been done under his supervision. Nowadays Rundale Palace hosts regular exhibitions on themes related to the castle and the Latvian history.

“The European Hospitality Foundation award is the symbol of the recognition of the professionals of the hospitality sector to the magnificent contribution performed by Mr. Imants Lancmanis to the tourism hospitality over the years. It is our pleasure to grant him this award designed by Miquel Planas Rosseló, famous artist and chairman of Sculpture, Department of Sculpture, Professor at Fine Arts Faculty in Barcelona.”, added Mr. Joan Gaspart, Vice-President of EHF.

Mr. Lancmanis contribution to Latvian culture is invaluable, when taking into account his contribution in terms of history and art legacy. For this reason the hospitality sector is mostly grateful to him.

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