



Paul Carus was born in 1852 in Illsenburg, Germany, descending from a family of scholars. In 1887, he moved to the United States of America to become Editor-in-Chief of Open Court Publishing. In that role, he corresponded with and published the works of leaders in the fields of mathematics, philosophy, world religions, and related disciplines.

In 1893, Carus offered a thirty-minute paper at the World Parliament of Religions in Chicago. As he wrote later, he never expected to be so moved by this event, which served to redirect his lifework towards building awareness and understanding of Eastern philosophies and religions in the United States of America. As a thinker, writer and publisher, Carus became a bridge-builder between religions and science, philosophy and society, the Occident and the Orient, and Buddhism and Christianity. His passion and commitment to the quest for religious and spiritual understanding was illustrated by his lifelong dedication to providing an open forum for the ideas of such diverse scholars as Pierce, Russell, Mach, Charmapala, Swami Vivekananda, Shuku Soyen, D.T. Suzuki, and thousands of other great thinkers.

The Carus family maintains the legacy of Paul Carus through Open Court Publishing, which specializes in scholarly and trade non-fiction, with an emphasis on philosophy, social issues, Eastern thought, education, psychology, Jungian analysis, and religion and science.

THE PAUL CARUS AWARD

For Outstanding Contributions to the Interreligious Movement

Parliament of the World's Religions • July 7-13, 2004

Purpose

In an effort to recognize and promote interreligious harmony and cooperation among religious and spiritual communities worldwide, the Council for a Parliament of the World's Religions (CPWR) is recognizing exemplary work in this area through the establishment of the Carus Award. The Carus Award seeks to recognize, honor, celebrate and affirm outstanding work in support of the international interreligious movement and the efforts of religious and spiritual individuals, communities and organizations towards a more just, peaceful and sustainable world.

Award Description

The inaugural Carus Award will be given by the Council for a Parliament of the World's Religions, on the occasion of the 2004 Parliament of the World's Religions, to be held in Barcelona, Spain, July 7-13, 2004. The Award is given in the memory of Dr. Carus—a world renown scholar, writer and publisher in the fields of religion, philosophy and science, a key figure in the introduction of Buddhism to the West, a pioneer in the early interreligious movement, and a prominent organizer at the 1893 World's Parliament of Religions in Chicago. Dr. Carus worked tirelessly to keep the vision and mission of the 1893 Parliament alive, and the current work of the Council for a Parliament of the World's Religions to foster interreligious dialogue, harmony and cooperation among religious and spiritual communities worldwide is a living testimony to his legacy.

Award

A monetary award of \$50,000.00, payable in US dollars, to be used to support the work of the recipient, will be given every five years in conjunction with the international Parliament of the World's Religions gathering, to a person or organization that meets the criteria listed below. Awards may be made to residents of any country with no limitation on race, gender or religion. All necessary travel, accommodation and meal expenses incurred by the winner, to travel to receive this award, will be paid by the Carus Foundation.

Criteria

The Carus Award will be given to an individual, organization or community that demonstrates exemplary and visionary efforts in the promotion of interreligious harmony and cooperation. This work must:

- support the Council's vision, mission and principles of Harmony, Convergence and Facilitation
- highlight the positive and transformative contribution of religion and spirituality to a more just, peaceful and sustainable world
- foster greater understanding, harmony and cooperation between diverse religious and spiritual communities
- engage the interreligious movement in pursuing a vision of a better world out of an explicitly religious or spiritual context
- demonstrate innovative partnerships and approaches to interreligious dialogue/action
- contribute to peace, justice and sustainability in ways that are courageous, creative, innovative, relevant and enduring

Nomination Requirements

Deadline for nominations is May 15, 2004. Self nominations will not be accepted.

Completed nomination forms and additional materials can be post mailed, e-mailed, or faxed to:

The Council for a Parliament of the World's Religions

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CARUS AWARD NOMINATION FORM

Nominee Information:

Name: _____ Organization: _____

Religious or Spiritual Affiliation: _____

Address: _____ City _____

State: _____ Country _____ Postal Code _____

Business Phone: _____

Home Phone: _____

Business FAX: _____

Home FAX: _____

Business E-mail: _____

Home E-mail: _____

Nominator Information:

Name: _____ Organization: _____

Address: _____ City _____

State: _____ Country _____ Postal Code _____

Business Phone: _____

Home Phone: _____

Business FAX: _____

Home FAX: _____

Business E-mail: _____

Home E-mail: _____

Please list the names, addresses and phone numbers of at least two others who will endorse this nominee.

Name: _____ Organization: _____

Address: _____ City _____

State: _____ Country _____ Postal Code _____

Name: _____ Organization: _____

Address: _____ City _____

State: _____ Country _____ Postal Code _____

Please answer the following questions on the next page.

CARUS AWARD NOMINATION FORM

Why are you submitting this individual, organization or community as a nominee for the Paul Carus Award?

What is your relationship to this nominee?

On what is your knowledge of the nominee based?

What are three concrete examples of activities that accurately describe the work of the nominee and best exemplify the award criteria?

If selected, how would the nominee best use the funds to foster interreligious dialogue, harmony, and cooperation among religious and spiritual communities?

Please attach the nominee's C.V. and any other materials written by or about the nominee to support your nomination.

Nominator's signature: _____ **Date:** _____