

Foundation Honored with International Award

January 15, 2001 - Washington, DC—Paula Savage, founder and President, accepted the prestigious Award for The Merits of Two Worlds on behalf of the International Peace Garden Foundation, on November 20th, 2000 in Rochester, NY. The award, also known as the Robert Schuman Medal, was given by the Robert Schuman Institute, an organization created by the European Parliament in honor of the statesman who's mission was to assemble the countries of Europe for the development of cultural, economic and social unity and peaceful relations in the global community.

Past recipients of the Robert Schuman Medal have included former Prime Ministers of France, Italy, England, Belgium and Greece. In an effort to build bridges with the US, the International Peace Garden Foundation was selected to be one of the first recipients outside the European community. The International Peace Garden Foundation, established in 1992, coordinates International Peace Gardens around the world in an effort to promote peaceful relations between countries.

The recipient country nominates a nation they wish to recognize for their achievements in the areas of peace and democracy. International Peace Gardens currently exist in the United States, (the very first garden, planted in Washington, DC, was a gift from Canada in honor of the longest undefended border in the world), Poland, Germany, Hungary, France, Slovenia, South Africa, Mozambique, Costa Rica, Canada and The Netherlands.

The International Peace Garden Foundation will travel to Hiroshima, Japan in April to dedicate the 2001 International Peace Garden. Hiroshima is being honored as a leader in peace studies, raising citizen's awareness of peace and supporting worldwide disarmament issues. European University Institute Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies Convento, Via dei Roccetini 9 1-50016 San Domenico di Fiesole (FI), Italy Fax: +39-055-4685-770 Contact: <http://www.iue.it/RSC/Welcome.html>