

Awards and honoured individuals by igu

The igu confers special honours on individuals who have achieved particular distinction or who have rendered outstanding service in the work of the union or in international geography and environmental research.

igu Planet and Humanity Awards

The igu Planet and Humanity Medal was created in 1996 to commemorate the 125th anniversary of the First International Geographical Congress in Antwerp in 1871. The medal was created to honour individuals (not necessarily geographers) who have made outstanding contributions to environmental issues.



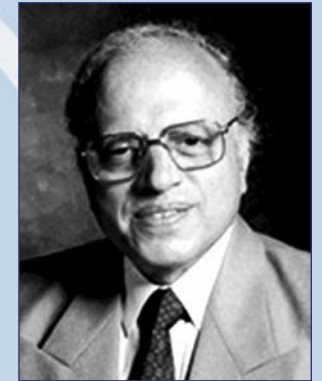
2002

Nelson Mandela

For his profound sense of justice, humility and warmth and his sterling qualities of leadership, Nelson Mandela is indeed an ideal recipient of the 2002 igu Planet and Humanity Medal. The international community of geographers deeply appreciates the inspiration, courage and challenge he exhibits for scientists and politicians around the world.

2000

Monkumbo Sambasivan Swaminathan



For his outstanding scientific research, leading to Asia's Green Revolution. His promotion of new seed varieties and sound principles of sustainable agriculture reminds scientists and politicians worldwide of their responsibilities for stewardship of nature and humanity on our common Planet Earth.



M. le Ministre Christian Pierret

In recognition of his contribution to the geographical culture through the creation of the unique International Festival of Geography in Saint Dié-des-Vosges, a major annual event extols geography as the nexus relating humans, environment, and

2000

Mary Robinson



In recognition of her outstanding leadership as United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights. Continuous efforts to include among fundamental human rights enjoyment of an intact environment as a basic human right, will always be associated with her name, even if humanity is still far from achieving these

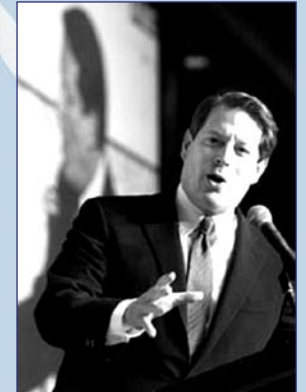


1996

Gro Harlem Brundtland

For her unique and pioneering role in putting environmental questions on the political agenda, both nationally and internationally, especially via the report Our Common Future (1987) resulting from the World Commission on Environment and Development, which she headed.

Al Gore



For internationally recognized leadership in promoting attention to the health of the global environment at the highest levels of government through the establishment of the globe (Global Learning and Observations to Benefit the Environment) program, which enlists and coordinates the participation of children, educators and scientists in 32 countries in student-based monitoring of the global environment.

IGU Lauro d'Honneur

The IGU Lauro d'Honneur was given in 1976 to I. P. Gerasimov (USSR) and to C. D. Harris (USA); in 1980 to J. Dresch (France) and to S. Kiuchi (Japan); in 1984 to T. Hägerstrand (Sweden) and M. J. Wise (UK); in 1988 to J. Beauceu-Garnier (France), S. Leszczycki (Poland), O. H. K. Spate (Australia) and G. White (USA); in 1992 to P. Haggitt (UK), J. Kostrowicki (Poland), A. Mabogunje (Nigeria) and W. Manshard (Germany); in 1996 to Y. Verhasselt (Belgium), H. Brookfield (Australia) and Huang Bin-Wie (China); in 2000 to L. Curry (Canada), Yi-fu Tuan (USA) and M. Yoshino (Japan).