

# Mohammad Reza Pahlavi Prize Nadezhda K. Krupskaya Prize 1976

THE JURY appointed by the Director-General to award the Mohammad Reza Pahlavi and Nadezhda K. Krupskaya Prizes for meritorious work in the field of adult literacy, having met on 25, 26 and 27 August 1976 at Unesco's Headquarters in Paris,

Recalling that the Mohammad Reza Pahlavi and Nadezhda K. Krupskaya Prizes were endowed in 1967 and 1969 respectively through the generosity of H. I. M. the Shahinshah of Iran and the Government of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics,

Emphasizing that, over the past ten years, seventeen prizes and many honourable mentions have been awarded in recognition of the efforts of communities and individuals and have thus helped to mobilize public opinion on behalf of adult literacy,

Keenly regretting that H. I. H. Princess Ashraf Pahlavi has been unable, for reasons beyond her control, to preside over the work of the Jury this year,

Having examined with deep emotion the nomination received from the Government of Peru of Professor Augusto Salazar Bondy, who died in 1974 while holding the posts of Chairman of the Board of Education and

Chairman of the Adult Education Commission of his country, the Jury paid a heartfelt tribute to this great man, both for his outstanding contribution to the clarification of the new concepts of literacy teaching and education for conscientization structurally related to socio-economic and cultural development, and for his clear-sighted and courageous contribution to the practical solution of the problems involved in putting those concepts into practice, especially in the context of the actual historical situation of his country and other emerging countries; referring to the innovatory and revolutionary aspects of Peru's Integrated Literacy Programme (ALFIN), which Professor Bondy introduced and built up, the Jury also expressed its warm admiration of the militant humanism which marked Salazar Bondy's work and thought throughout an exemplary life wholly devoted to the liberation of man in every sphere;

Considering the special features of this nomination, in regard both to the personal merits of Professor Augusto Salazar Bondy and to procedure, the Jury has unanimously decided, by way of tribute, to award him, exceptionally, a special, posthumous honorary distinction, in line with the aims of the Mohammad Reza Pahlavi and Nadezhda K. Krupskaya Prizes;

Noting with satisfaction that the nominations it has examined this year bear witness to the great diversity in efforts being made for the promotion of literacy throughout the world, both from the quantitative standpoint and as regards the approaches and techniques employed; and observing that the exemplary value of such efforts is a criterion of primary importance - a fact which has led the Jury to give particular attention to seemingly modest efforts, made significant by the selflessness of their inspiration and their strictly scientific approach,

Having examined the 20 nominations received from governments or international non-governmental organizations in accordance with the stipulations and criteria set out in the general Rules,

has unanimously decided

to award the Mohammad Reza Pahlavi Prize for 1976

to PASTOR JACQUES KOFI ADZOMADA, NOMINATED BY TOGO, for the tireless activity he has shown in his research and writings for the promotion of the national languages, thus contributing to the recent introduction of two of these languages into the Togolese educational system; for having introduced national languages into literacy teaching for adults; and for his continual efforts, since 1959, to enable adults and young people in rural areas to benefit from his community development programmes; and

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to the LITERACY DEPARTMENT OF THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE OF THE SYRIAN ARAB REPUBLIC for its major contribution to the promotion of literacy in relation to socio-economic and cultural development; for the part it has played in the adoption of legislation concerning the promotion of literacy; for its studies and research, which have been instrumental in the carrying out of a realistic and dynamic plan of activities; for its contribution to the development of functional literacy work with the active participation of the trade unions within the framework of agricultural and industrial undertakings; for its systematic work for the training of personnel at all levels; and for the remarkable results so far achieved, particularly in literacy teaching for women.

THE JURY, aware of the need to reward, publicize and encourage the many initiatives and activities concerned with literacy work which can provide a source of inspiration and an incentive to emulation, has also decided:

to award honourable mentions of the Mohammad Reza Pahlavi  
and Nadezhda K. Krupskaya Prizes

to the following institutions, projects and persons:

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Mr. MARIANO BAPTISTA, NOMINATED BY THE WORLD ASSEMBLY OF YOUTH, "WAY", for having inspired and carried out in Bolivia a national literacy programme in which the methods and materials he had developed are still being used; and for the untiring work he continues to do, through his writings and example, in the cause of literacy;

ESCUELA RADIOFONICA SANTA MARIA, DOMINICAN REPUBLIC, for having organized and carried out an educational programme which enables newly literate adults to continue their studies through the use of a number of media, including radio, supporting teaching materials and periodical contacts with instructors; for having focused the educational process on the self-education of adults and the self-financing of their education; for having, with the agreement of the Government, established a direct relationship between out-of-school education and the formal education system; and for having achieved results which, from the standpoints of quantity and quality alike, can inspire other efforts in countries where similar conditions prevail;

ACCIÓN CULTURAL POPULAR HONDUREÑA, HONDURAS, for the noteworthy efforts it has put forth since 1960 in contending with ignorance and poverty by means of radio programmes and a plan for over-all education suited to the national situation;

NATIONAL FARM GUIDE COUNCIL OF PAKISTAN, for its essential contribution to the mobilization of the country's young people with a view to providing literacy teaching for adults, improving agricultural practices through functional literacy teaching, and promoting the improvement of the standard of living of the most deprived sectors of the population;

DIRECTORATE OF NONFORMAL (ADULT) EDUCATION, INDIA, for having brought out the importance of literacy teaching for adults in national development; for having drawn up a coherent national plan; for having set up the necessary structures; for having worked out new methods and approaches for adult education, producing a wide range of teaching materials and training teachers by various original means; and for having helped to prepare, conduct, co-ordinate and evaluate a whole series of literacy teaching programmes, which last year catered for 300,000 adults, mostly farmers and young people between the ages of 15 and 25;

JAMAICA MOVEMENT FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF LITERACY (JAMAL), for its meritorious efforts to eradicate illiteracy in Jamaica, and in particular for the use of original approaches, ranging from the advanced technology of the mass media to recourse to the traditions of folk theatre and folk music; and for its establishment of an exemplary infrastructure, which has enabled this country to make an important methodological contribution in the training of personnel, research and evaluation;

SOMALI WOMEN'S ORGANIZATION, NOMINATED BY THE WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL DEMOCRATIC FEDERATION, for the outstanding energy and remarkable sense of organization which it has displayed in Somali's rural development campaign, in the course of which more than 400,000 women have been taught to read and write in less than two years;

ZAMBIA ASSOCIATION OF LITERACY CLUBS, for the support it has given to the national literacy campaign by organizing courses, through the clubs, recruiting pupils, and collecting funds; for linking such work with employment; and for the efficient mobilization of the population, particularly Zambian youth.

THE JURY found that some of the nominations received in 1976 related to organizations which had already been awarded honourable mentions in previous years, such as the Summer Institute of Linguistics for its work in Australia and the Nepal Women's Organization. It wishes to record its satisfaction that, in these cases as in many others, the awards received have clearly contributed to the promotion of the activities undertaken and to the development and improvement of the programmes.

Finally, THE JURY invites the governments and organizations concerned to continue their efforts to familiarize world public opinion with work which contributes in any way to the literacy campaign, to strengthen and develop exchanges between States and individuals, and to take all necessary measures to create the political, financial, psychological and technical conditions required for achieving the final goal, which is to bring literacy to all the peoples of the world.

Members of the Jury:      Mr. Rodolfo Barón Castro  
                                         H. E. Mr. Ben Mahdy Cissé  
                                         Mr. G. N. Filonov  
                                         Mr. James Robbins Kidd