

UPF Austria honored as “Successful Viennese Congress Organizer 2011”

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More than 300 event organizers, who have brought international congresses to Vienna in 2011, received a special honoration and were invited to a festive banquet in the ballroom of the Vienna City Hall and were declared “Successful Viennese Congress Organizers 2011”.



Among the participants were Peter Haider, President of the Universal Peace Federation Austria (UPF), and Ewald Schenkermayr, representing the UPF Youth Committee. They received the award for having organized a successful European Leadership Conference held in correspondence with the UN International Year of Youth in July 2011. The invitation addressed to the Universal Peace Federation read as follows: “The city of Vienna, the Vienna Chamber of Commerce and the Vienna Convention Bureau would like to thank you for your personal and time-consuming investment in organizing the event ‘Communicating Change: Youth Perspectives on Peace’. Through this you have accomplished your part in contributing to an outstanding result of the Congress-year 2011.”

The President of Vienna Tourism, Vice-Major Renate Brauner welcomed the guests and, along with Mr. Christian Mutschlechner, the director of the Vienna Convention Bureau, expressed her gratitude for the outstanding contribution of everyone present. The director of Vienna Tourism, Mr. Norbert Kettner, emphasized in his address, that not only concerning quality of life Vienna is ranked first in the world ahead of cities like Zurich or Vancouver, but it has also been the most successful convention city in the world for seven consecutive years. This had only been possible due to the efforts of all the people present, towards whom the city of Vienna and its tourism organizations want to express their gratitude.

The dean of Vienna University’s Department of Psychiatry and Psychotherapy at the Vienna General Hospital, Univ. Prof. Dr. Siegfried Kasper, received a representative certificate of special honor for organizing a congress of the “European Psychiatric Association” with several thousand participants.