



## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **WINNERS OF EUROPEAN THINK TANK AWARDS REVEALED:**

As part their 10 year anniversary celebrations, the London-based market-oriented think tank, the Stockholm Network, held its first ever pan-European think tank awards ceremony last night at the National Liberal Club in London.

A hotly contested field, the most influential think tanks from across Europe descended upon London, along with British and European politicians, journalists and policy makers. Each award was presented by luminaries from across the political landscape, with Boyden Gray, the US Ambassador to the EU, delivering the key note speech.

In the 10 years since its inception, the Stockholm Network has acted as the umbrella organisation for market-oriented individuals and policy institutes in Europe. During this time the number of think tanks in the network has expanded exponentially, now reaching 130 member think tanks.

#### **Stockholm Network Golden Umbrella Think Tank Awards winners 2007**

The Award for the Best Think Tank in New Market Economies

***Free Minds Association* in Azerbaijan**

Presented by

**Ambassador C. Boyden Gray, US Ambassador to the EU**

The Award for the Best Contribution to Free Market Thinking

**José Piñera, former secretary of Labour and Social Security in Chile**

Presented by

**Dr. Tom Palmer, Vice President for International Programs, The Cato Institute**

The Best New Think Tank Award

***European Centre for International Political Economy in Brussels***

Presented by

**The Rt. Hon. Iain Duncan Smith MP, Centre for Social Justice**

SN Think Tank of the Year Award

***Institute for Market Economics in Bulgaria***

Presented by

**Dr. Jan Čarnogursky, former Prime Minister of the Slovak Republic**

The Personality of the Year Award

**Prof. Atilla Yayla, Political Scientist and President of the *Association for Liberal Thinking* in Turkey**

Presented by

**Alice Thomson, Assistant Editor, Comment Section, *The Daily Telegraph***

The Internet Award

***Institute of Economic and Social Studies in Slovak Republic***

Presented by

**Cécile Philippe, Director – General, Molinari Economic Institute**

The Award for Best Research

**Istituto Bruno Leoni in Italy**

Presented by

**Christofer Fjellner MEP, European People's Party (Christian Democrats) and European Democrats**

The Innovation Award

**Taxpayers' Alliance in the United Kingdom**

Presented by

**Janet Daley, Leader Writer, *The Daily Telegraph***

The Media Award

**Institute for Market Economics in Bulgaria**

Presented by

**John Fund, *Wall Street Journal***

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**Notes to Editors:**

The Stockholm Network is the leading pan-European think tank. It offers a unique network of 130 market-oriented think tanks across Europe providing access to the best European policy thinking.

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