



70th Anniversary Congress

12. APPOINTMENT OF LI PARTON(S)

The festive celebration of the 70 years of Liberal International at the Congress in Andorra provides a good opportunity appoint new patron(s) of Liberal International.

The Bureau nominates the following outstanding individuals who have been for a long time active in thought and deed in Liberalism and in the Liberal International to be appointed as LI Patrons:

1. **Anne Brasseur**, Luxembourg (F)
Former Minister, Former President of PA Council of Europe, Demokratesch Partei
2. **Dr. Wolfgang Gerhardt**, Germany (M)
Former MP and LI Bureau Member, Chairman of the Friedrich Naumann Foundation
3. **Carles Gasòliba**, Catalonia - Spain (M)
Former MEP and Senator, Former LI Bureau Member, Llibertad i Democràcia
4. **Bill Graham**, Canada (M)
Former Minister of Foreign Affairs, Former LI Bureau member, Liberal Party of Canada
5. **Carlos Alberto Montaner**, Cuba (M)
Journalist, Writer and Politician, Union Liberal Cubana
6. **Alice Nzomukunda**, Burundi (F)
Former Vice-President of the Republic, Alliance Démocratique pour le Renouveau
7. **Dr Oyun Sanjaasuren**, Mongolia (F)
Former Environment Minister, Former CALD Chair, Civil Will Green Party

The Bureau sought to ensure a good regional and gender representation among the esteemed liberals. Prior to the nomination the candidates were contacted and asked for their consent.

We pay tribute to LI Patrons Al Graham (Canada) and Walter Scheel (Germany) who passed away since the 60th LI Congress in Mexico City.

At present Patrons of Liberal International are:

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| 1. Beatrice Rangoni Machiavelli (Italy) | 6. Lord David Steel (United Kingdom) |
| 2. Richard Moore (United Kingdom) | 7. Maitre Abdoulaye Wade (Senegal) |
| 3. Simone Veil (France) | 8. Ingemund Hägg (Sweden) |
| 4. Barthold Witte (Germany) | 9. Christer Hummelstedt (Finland) |
| 5. Amnon Rubinstein (Israel) | |

Article 38 of the LI Constitution stipulates:

'The Congress can, on the proposal of the Executive Committee, appoint persons who have been for a long time active in thought and deed in Liberalism and in the Liberal International as patrons. Patrons have the right to be present and speak at the meetings of the Executive Committee and of the Congress. At the Congress they have the personal right to vote.'