

WORLD CULTURAL COUNCIL 2016 AWARD CEREMONY

Citation of Professor Kalevi Ekman

Introduced by Prof. Gary Marquis, Dean School of Engineering, Aalto University, who will present the Winner of Education 2016

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The “**José Vasconcelos**” **World Award of Education** has been established as an acknowledgment of those who have the all-important labour of teaching the underlying basis of our present civilization.

It is a very particular pleasure for me to introduce to you this year’s José Vasconcelos awardee, as you have heard already, Professor Kalevi Ekman has been selected by the World Cultural Council to receive this award.

When I said particular pleasure, I really meant it, since I know Kalevi "Eetu" Ekman and his passion for promoting learning, multidisciplinary, cross-cultural cooperation and his visionary driving force behind the Global Design Factory. His work has been truly inspirational and ground braking and his goal is no less than to change the face of higher education by inspiring and empowering individuals and by providing role models from around the globe.

I would like to invite you to watch this video and discover more about Kalevi Ekman and the Global Design Factory.