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LAUNCH OF THE NEW DIGEST OF HUMAN RIGHTS LAUREATES

Geneva, 2 February 2021 – Today, after several years of work, True Heroes Films (THF) makes public its gateway to human rights awards and their laureates at www.trueheroesfilms.org/thedigest. The Digest is a new free online tool that gives everybody access to information on human rights awards, including the list of people who received such awards.

The Digest "will help us demonstrate to the world how many human rights defenders there are in the world and the different human rights they defend and fight for," says Guadalupe Marengo, Head of Global Human Rights Defenders Programme at Amnesty International.

Over the last 20 years, the human rights movement has discovered the value of awards. The Digest tells that story and makes human rights defenders more visible as an encouragement and role model for others.

"It is a useful resource that places individuals, the laureates, at the heart of the search process," commented Eleanor Davies of the Centre of Applied Human Rights at the University of York.

"With a simple and straightforward way to find what you are looking for, it helps initiate partnerships," says Friedhelm Weinberg, Executive Director of HURIDOCS, an organisation specialised in information technology.

For human rights defenders, the Digest allows finding awards and people concerned with similar causes worldwide. Award givers can quickly check their candidates. For media, the Digest means instant access to information on human rights defenders or an award announcement to complete their story.

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True Heroes Films (THF) is a Geneva-based media organisation with a global reach. Through filmmaking and digital storytelling, we spread human rights knowledge and support human rights defenders by raising their visibility. We collaborate with human rights defenders, human rights and humanitarian organisations, NGOs, UN agencies, international media outlets and broadcasters, cultural and academic institutions and governmental authorities to adapt their work into stories.