

The FPH is twenty years old. Its project for 2003-2010 constitutes its third stage

Its objectives:

The Charles Léopold Mayer Foundation for the Progress of Humankind (fph) is committed to contributing to the long-term mutations of our societies. To do so, it supports the emergence of a global community by building relationships in a world that is radically interdependent, where everything is related, beings and things alike. The global community should be able to design three major mutations and guide the world through them:

- A new conception of governance, or the need of new social, political, and institutional regulations, global to local. The aim is to organize and manage societies for social cohesion, justice, peace, diversity, individual fulfillment, the conservation of resources, and preparation of the future.
- Other forms of development that will regulate lifestyles, forms of production, consumption behavior, and forms of exchange such that they are all mutually consistent and fair.
- Common ethical principles to bind the first two mutations. No matter how different the contexts and the religious and philosophical traditions, nothing can justify postponing the search for common ethical criteria to manage our common planet.

Its strategy:

Guiding the world through the three major mutations of the twenty-first century requires new capacities for the different regions and socio-professional spheres of the world to enter into dialog, to share and exchange views, experiences, goods, and expertise, and to develop proposals collectively.

These call for new ways of integrating unity and diversity, and managing the complexity and the interdependence of the challenges, hence for new collective working methods. The Foundation uses the advantage of its total independence to back these capacities and methods in a long-term strategy.

Its forms of action are:

- to promote ideas and proposals for the three mutations in governance, ethics, and development alternatives through

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- the Editions Charles Léopold Mayer publishing unit
- 60 Proposal Papers produced by the Alliance for a Responsible, Plural and United World
- the Charter of Human Responsibilities and its expression in different cultures and in different socioprofessional spheres
- the institution of training and debating forums
- an abundant data bank accessible to all, etc.

- to back the emergence of citizens' alliances and new ways of linking up and of thinking and acting collectively on the international scale through

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- the Alliance for a Responsible, Plural and United World
- the Alliance of Independent Publishers for Another Globalization
- the International Alliance of Community Residents
- the World Fishworkers Forum, etc.

- to promote and improve methods for exchanging, collective thinking, and organization through

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- the DPH experience bank
- mapping methods for the management of relations and complexity
- the summarization and publication of the results of the Social Forums: Porto Alegre, Cartagena, European
- the facilitation of Internet-based debates such as those facilitated by the Workgroup on Socioeconomy of Solidarity, etc.

Its available resources:

Material resources that decrease when shared out:

- the income generated by its estate
- the human resources of an international network of partners

Immaterial resources, which can be freely accessed and used, become greater when shared, and have no value unless they are shared:

- an intellectual capital – diagnoses, analyses, concepts, and proposals
- a symbolic capital – the World Citizens Assembly, for instance
- a social capital – the whole of its human relations and partnerships
- a methodological capital – a large variety of methods and tools

- Charles Léopold Mayer

scientist, investor, philosopher, philanthropist

The founder, Charles Léopold Mayer (1881-1971), a Frenchman with Irish roots, was a chemical engineer, a financier, and a humanist.

Throughout his entire life, he strove to increase his fortune so he could devote it to projects of a scientific and humanistic nature. He was one of those men, highly representative of his generation, who believed in the progress of Humankind, which at the time was often associated with scientific and technological development.

A foundation

Independence at the service of the public good

The Charles Léopold Foundation for the Progress of Humankind (FPH) was instituted in 1982 under Swiss law. It is headed by a seven – to eleven – member board and by a managing director who coordinates a team of about twenty staff.

Our funding

Own resources ensuring freedom of action

Funding for the Foundation comes from the interest generated by Charles Léopold Mayer's bequest, amounting to 6 million euros yearly. This makes it possible to work on long-term projects with complete freedom of action.

A complete description of the project for 2003-2010 is available on: <http://www.fph.ch>

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