

Ninth Award of the Henry Dunant Medal

At its meeting on 25 October 1985 in Geneva the Standing Commission of the International Red Cross decided to award the Henry Dunant Medal to Dr Olga Milosevic of the Red Cross of Yugoslavia and to Mr Tom Willmott Sloper of the Brazilian Red Cross.

Dr Olga Milosevic is a member of the Presidential Commission for Health and Environment of the Assembly of the Yugoslav Red Cross and of the Yugoslav Red Cross training centre for personnel from National Societies of developing countries. She held the position of Secretary General of the Yugoslav Red Cross from 1947 to 1963.

Mr Tom Willmott Sloper is a member of the National Committee of the Brazilian Red Cross and a member of its Finance Commission. He was also a member of the Standing Commission of the International Red Cross for several years and has played a very active role in the latter's development.

The Henry Dunant Medal is intended to acknowledge and reward exceptional services or acts of great devotion to the Red Cross performed by one of its members. It is the highest distinction awarded by the Red Cross. In principle the regulations permit it to be awarded to only five people every two years, but also allow the Standing Commission to reduce this number, or in exceptional cases to increase it.

Established by the Twentieth International Red Cross Conference in Vienna in 1965 and awarded for the first time on the occasion of the Twenty-first International Red Cross Conference in Istanbul in 1969, the Henry Dunant medal has been awarded to forty-one people, twelve being awarded posthumously.

Centenary of the Costa Rica Red Cross

Earlier this year, the Costa Rica Red Cross celebrated its hundredth anniversary. The ICRC delegated one of its members, Dr. Athos Gallino, to represent it at the jubilee festivities which took place in early May. In the speech he delivered on that occasion in San