THE STEP JOHN USHER MEMORIAL PRIZE

This prize, which has been awarded annually from May 2008, commemorates the life and work of Roger John Usher, who served as Hon. Secretary of the Suisse Romande Branch of STEP from its inception in 1992 until his death in September 2007. John was particularly keen on encouraging young students in Switzerland and Liechtenstein to qualify for membership through the STEP Diploma in International Trust Management ("the Diploma") and we believe that the institution of a prize for the STEP Diploma students in Switzerland and Liechtenstein is a particularly fitting way of honouring the memory of John.

The John Usher Memorial Prize will be awarded annually to those students who in the preceding calendar year complete the Foundation Certificate and Diplomas with the highest marks. There will also be a prize for the student who achieves the highest overall marks in the four diploma modules as well as the top scoring student in the Qualified Practitioner Route. The prize winners must be attached to one of the Swiss or Liechtenstein branches at the time of sitting the fourth and last diploma exam, and must have been attached to one of those branches when taking the exams for at least two out of the three previous diplomas. This will allow for those students who may temporarily work outside Switzerland and Liechtenstein during their early career, and who may therefore sit one of the four exams while attached to a STEP branch outside Switzerland and Liechtenstein.

The total value of the awards will be CHF 5`000, and a certificate will accompany the awards which will be presented at the Annual Landmark John Usher Memorial Lecture.

The Awards Committee, whose decision will be final and binding, will be composed of the Chairmen of the Branches of STEP Switzerland and Liechtenstein and will be chaired by Richard Pease, past Chairman of STEP Worldwide.

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