



# RKL-President Graupner Receives Civil Courage Award of CSD-Berlin

**As just announced RKL-president Dr. Helmut Graupner will receive this year's Civil Courage Award by the CSD-Berlin.**

CSD-Berlin ([www.csd-berlin.de](http://www.csd-berlin.de)) in explaining the reasons said, that Graupner "by manifold litigation contributed to the placement of LGBT- and queer-issues on the European agenda" and that "the decisions brought about by his commitment pushed our movements forward and supplied them with legal instruments to improve our lives".

CSD-Berlin also demonstrates respect for Graupner's "legal policy work in his home-country Austria itself". "Without you we in Germany could be much less hopeful that one day right wing populist tirades will come to a democratic end", the award notification says.

The prize will be awarded 28 June during the final celebration in front of the "Siegessäule".

Before, on 25 June (20.00), Graupner will hold a lecture "By Law to Equality?", in which he will be speaking about the chances of achieving equality by legal means and report about the boundaries of German legal thinking.

*Rechtskomitee LAMBDA (RKL), founded in 1991, on a supra-partisan and denominational level is working for the implementation of human rights for homo- and bisexual men and women. In its honorary board it convenes so prominent members as former Prime Minister Dr. Alfred Gusenbauer, President of Federal Parliament Mag. Barbara Prammer, former Minister of Justice Mag. Karin Gastinger, the Honorary President of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe Peter Schieder, Federal Ombudsman Mag. Terezija Stoisits, former Director of Public Security Dr. Erik Buxbaum, the former President of National Judges Association Dr. Barbara Helige, the Vice-President of the Vienna Bar-Association Dr. Elisabeth Rech, the President of D.A.S.-legal expenses insurance company Dr. Franz Kronsteiner, the President of Weisser Ring Dr. Udo Jesionek, the Secretary General of Amnesty International Austria Mag. Heinz Patzelt and the well-known human-rights experts Dr. Lilian Hofmeister and Univ.-Prof. Dr. Manfred Nowak, the constitutional law professors Univ.-Prof. Dr. Christian Brünner, Univ.-Prof. Dr. Bernd-Christian Funk, Univ.-Prof. Dr. Heinz Mayer and Univ.-Prof. Dr. Ewald Wiederin, famous child- and adolescent psychiatrist Univ.-Prof. Dr. Max Friedrich and the Vienna Child- and Youth-Ombudspersons DSA Monika Pinterits and Dr. Anton Schmid, sexologists Univ.-Prof. Dr. Josef Christian Aigner, Univ.-Prof. Dr. Rotraud Perner and Univ.-Lekt. Mag. Johannes Wahala, theologian Univ.-Prof. Dr. Kurt Lüthi, Life-Ball-Organisator Gery Keszler and many more. October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2006, RKL's 15 years anniversary has been celebrated in historic Ceremonial Act "Against Sexual Apartheid" in the lower chamber of Austrian federal parliament. This first honouring of an lgbt organisation in a national parliament worldwide took place in attendance of over 500 guests including highest representatives from the judiciary, administration and politics (<http://www.rklambda.at/festakt/index.htm>).*

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