

AWARDS of the AUSTRIAN ALBERT SCHWEITZER SOCIETY

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Some seventy years after the Albert Schweitzer Tropical Hospitals had been operating in Gabon an Austrian organization was established as a humanitarian society to assist the hospitals and, in the name of Albert Schweitzer, carry out other humanitarian projects.

In 1983/4 the Albert Schweitzer Society of Austria was formed.

Since that time the ÖASG (Österreichische Albert Schweitzer-Gesellschaft) has operated in many spheres and areas including, in addition to Austria itself, Albania, Armenia, Bosnia, Gabon, India, Iraq, Jordan, Croatia, Nigeria, Peru, Poland, U.S.S.R., Tanzania, Czechoslovakia, Togo, Hungary, Kenya, the Philippines and Zaire, raising millions of Austrian schilling to assist in it's humanitarian work.

The ÖASG has been recognized as an Associate of the Coordinating Committee for International Voluntary Service of U.N.E.S.C.O. and works with many kindred humanitarian organizations throughout the world.

1994 marked the tenth anniversary of the ÖASG and as a tribute to the humanity of the many volunteers who make up the membership of ÖASG, this article is dedicated.

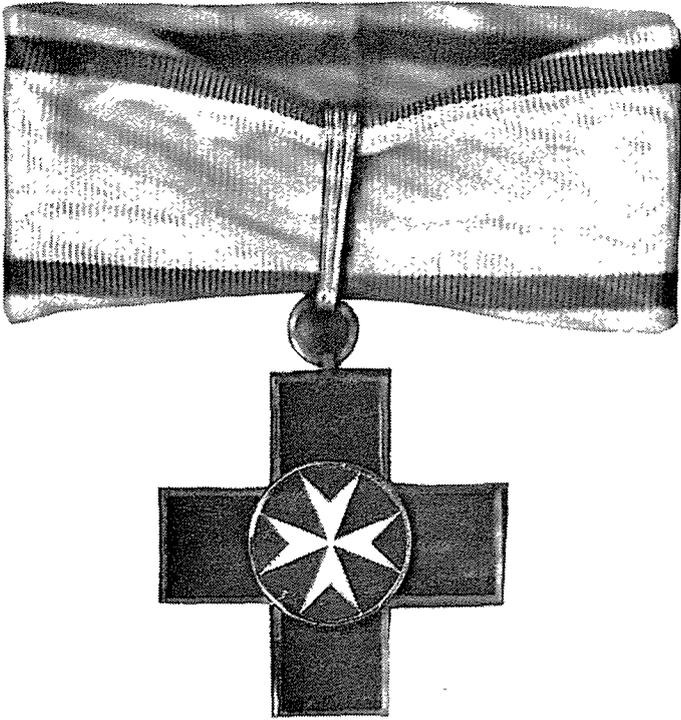
MERIT CROSS FOR HUMANITY IN GOLD

The most senior award of the Austrian Albert Schweitzer Society, the Merit Cross for Humanity in Gold is basically in gold (gilt) with the arms and center disc of the cross being in blue enamel and the centered Maltese cross in white enamel.

The reverse of the cross is plain.

The cross is worn from the neck suspended from a ribbon in light blue with side stripes of dark blue.

Figure 1



Merit Cross for Humanity in Gold

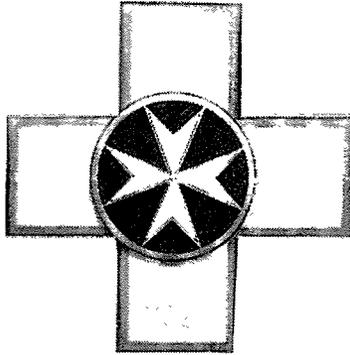
CROSS OF HONOR

Designed to act as an award of appreciation to individuals who serve the principles of the Society whilst not necessarily holding membership, the Cross of Honor is basically in gold (gilt) with the arms of the cross in white enamel. The central disc is in blue enamel and the centered Maltese cross in white enamel.

The reverse of the cross is plain with a pin back fastening for wear as a “breast star” on appropriate occasions.

There is no ribbon.

Figure 2



Cross of Honor

BADGE FOR SPECIAL MERITS IN HUMANITY

A special award for humanitarian achievements out of the ordinary, the Badge for Special Merits in Humanity is in bronze, the center design being in blue and white enamel.

The reverse of the badge is plain with a pin back fastening.

There is no ribbon.

MERIT MEDAL IN GOLD

A special award of the 'Merit Medal' type, when granted 'in Gold' recognizes extraordinarily meritorious service to the Society.