



## Press Release

### **Spanish NGO monitoring organization Fundación Lealtad joins ICFO** **Independent evaluation of charities creates trust and transparency for donors**

The International Committee on Fundraising Organizations (ICFO) welcomes **Fundación Lealtad**, the Spanish monitoring agency for non-governmental organizations, as its newest member. “Although founded only eight years ago, Fundación Lealtad has already established a very impressive and effective monitoring system for NGOs. It provides most valuable information and guidance for private as well as corporate donors in Spain. We are delighted to welcome Fundación Lealtad in ICFO, the worldwide “family” of national monitoring agencies for charitable organizations”, said **Rollin van Broekhoven, President of ICFO**.

“Fundación Lealtad shares a common aim with ICFO members: to offer donors from different countries sufficient and relevant information to take decisions when collaborating with NGOs. For Fundación Lealtad, a pioneering monitoring organisation in Spain, it is essential to count on international partners with a long track in this type of activities that will help us to become more innovative so that we will be able to face future challenges posed to us by donors”, said **Fundación Lealtad’s President Salvador García-Atance** during today’s presentation of “Transparency and Best Practices Guide to Spanish NGOs for 2009” in Madrid.

**Fundación Lealtad** analyzes the NGOs which voluntarily request to have their organization and its activities monitored and the results are reflected in a transparency report which details the NGOs’ compliance with each of the Standards; the analysis is carried out free of charge. Each NGO report is available for free on the website [www.fundacionlealtad.org](http://www.fundacionlealtad.org), and the overall results of all the analyzed NGOs are annually published in the "Transparency and Best Practices Guide to Spanish NGOs".

**ICFO** was established in 1958. Its member organizations have sophisticated national and common international standards for good governance and management of charities ([www.icfo.de](http://www.icfo.de)).

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