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Director's Foreword



Dear IPI Members,

It is with a strong sense of pride that we present this report, which highlights the work IPI has carried out throughout 2019 and the first half of 2020, the battles we have won and the many ways in which IPI has succeeded in offering support to its members and the wider community of editors and journalists that it represents.

The period covered by this report coincides with the spread of the Covid-19 pandemic, which has witnessed unprecedented attacks on journalism and given governments an opportunity to clamp down on criticism and control the media message. From the start of the crisis, IPI has been a recognized global leader in [monitoring press freedom violations under Covid-19](#) and defending a free press as an essential element of a successful public health response that also preserves fundamental rights and liberties. As the pandemic is unlikely to disappear soon, we are shifting to analysing its long-term impact on the media's ability to do its job.

A positive development in the period covered by this report has been a significant drop in the number of [journalists killed](#). This welcome news is likely the result of a mix of factors that undoubtedly includes the decade-long global campaign to bring perpetrators of attacks against journalists to justice. IPI has contributed to these efforts by, among other things, providing evidence of crimes against journalists aimed at preventing the publication of undesired news as well as the impact of impunity on the cycle of violence.

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At the same time, IPI has identified the emergence of new and problematic ways to restrict media freedom: Governments are increasingly resorting to media capture, employing a combination of political and economic pressure to take effective control over a media sector already weakened by economic challenges; frivolous lawsuits and groundless criminal investigations have proven a successful tool in



encouraging self-censorship among journalists who can't afford lengthy and expensive legal proceedings; and a combination of public and online attacks meant to delegitimize journalists and journalism have successfully eroded trust in the news media.

Many IPI activities in 2019 and 2020 have been dedicated to understanding, raising awareness and identifying holistic solutions to these problems, which require close interaction among the news industry, civil society players and multilateral governmental mechanisms. IPI's unique position at the intersection of these stakeholders has given us a core responsibility in coordinating strategies.

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The numerous IPI activities presented in this report would not have been possible without the support, the participation and the contribution of the members of IPI global network. Their dedication to IPI's values is our greatest strength.

A word of thanks also goes to IPI's numerous individual and institutional donors, who believe in IPI's unique recipe to protect independent journalism: strengthening the community around our shared values.

As IPI approaches its 70th anniversary this year, the achievements presented in this report show just how visionary IPI founders were in calling on editors and journalists from across the globe to join hands to promote a journalism that is both independent and serves the public interest.

IPI will continue to strive for it, with the support of our community.

Barbara Trionfi
Executive Director
International Press Institute (IPI)



About Us

What we do

The International Press Institute (IPI) is a global network of editors, journalists and media executives in nearly 100 countries who share a common dedication to quality, independent journalism. Together, we promote the conditions that allow journalism to fulfil its public function, the most important of which is the media's ability to operate free from interference and without fear of retaliation. Our membership provides clear evidence of the universality of media freedom and the basic values of journalism.



Our mission is to defend media freedom and the free flow of news wherever they are threatened.

How we work

Supported by a professional secretariat in Vienna, IPI works by:

- conducting direct advocacy with governments
- raising awareness on violations of media freedom through news coverage, research and analysis
- leading programmes and campaigns to further change
- offering platforms for cooperation, networking and skills exchange among our members
- promoting high-quality, independent journalism through the development of best practices at the global level
- providing opportunities for dialogue among diverse journalistic communities, in line with IPI's founding principles.

IPI is a founding member of IFEX Global Free Expression Network and International News Safety Institute (INSI).

IPI enjoys consultative status with the following intergovernmental organizations:

- Council of Europe – Participatory status
- UN Economic and Social Council (UN ECOSOC) – Special consultative status
- UNESCO – Associate Status

How to join IPI

- Here's how you can join us: <https://ipi.media/become-a-member/>
- Stay up-to-date on press freedom news and views with our weekly newsletter – subscribe [here!](#)



Advocacy and Impact

This report summarizes IPI's advocacy initiatives and their impact in 2019.

Significant advocacy accomplishments in 2019

In 2019, IPI made a significant contribution to the public discourse on press freedom and the safety of journalists by raising awareness and providing thought leadership through its advocacy, campaign and communications work.

IPI's advocacy activities had a significant impact in terms of IPI's recognition as a leading global voice for press freedom with an ability to influence state policy.

Direct advocacy

IPI's relied it on its strongest asset, its global membership networks, to reach out to governments at the national, regional and global levels, advocating for an improvement in the press freedom environment. During the year, IPI organized six press freedom missions to meet with governments, policymakers, the diplomatic community, civil society organizations and journalists' associations.

In Tanzania, an IPI mission paved the way to bring the government and journalists together to agree on amending the Media Services Act, which has been used to ban media outlets. In September, IPI led nine other civil society organizations on a mission to Turkey, pushing for judicial reform in meetings with the Constitutional Court and Justice Ministry. And in December, IPI headed a civil society mission to Hungary, where the government has dismantled media freedom over the past 10 years. IPI also participated in joint missions to Albania and Austria as well as Mexico, following up on IPI's last visit to the country in 2013.

In March, IPI jointly organized a side event entitled "Rising Attacks on the Press: A Global Scourge" in Geneva during the 40th session of the U.N. Human Rights Council. The event was supported by Permanent Missions of Austria, Greece, Latvia and the United Kingdom and attended by several missions and human rights activities.

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missions in
2019



On World Press Freedom Day on May 3, IPI hosted a gathering of diplomats from member states of the Group of Friends on the Safety of Journalists at the OSCE in Vienna about the global deterioration in press freedom.

Throughout the autumn, IPI's advocacy work also responded to emerging crises around the world, including a spate of attacks and arrests of journalists reporting on protests and unrest in states as diverse as Iraq, Hong Kong, Uganda and Bolivia.

November was a busy month for IPI. A significant advocacy initiative was a roundtable discussion with the Third Committee of the U.N. General Assembly at the U.N. Headquarters in New York. This was the first time ever that the Third Committee had directly engaged with leading editors and journalists on the issue of the safety of journalists. The event was jointly organized by IPI and the Al Jazeera Centre for Public Liberties and Human Rights, with support from the Permanent Missions of Austria, Greece, Germany and the United Kingdom.

The roundtable resulted in a resolution before the Third Committee moved by Greece about the safety of journalists. It was passed without opposition.

That same week, IPI's North American Committee, in cooperation with the Associated Press (AP), held its 7th Foreign Editors Circle at AP's headquarters in New York City.

In the same month, the IPI Czech National Committee organized a meeting with EU Commissioner for Values Vera Jourová in Prague, which was attended by Executive Director Barbara Trionfi, IPI National Committee Chair Michal Klíma, IPI Deputy Director Scott Griffen and IPI Director of Advocacy Ravi R. Prasad. The meeting established the foundation for IPI's ongoing engagement with the Commission on press freedom and rule of law issues affecting EU member states.

Elsewhere, IPI successfully advocated with the African Commission on Human and People's Rights to take up the case of jailed reporter Mahmoud Hussein with the government of Egypt after the government violated the court order to release him. Similarly, in the case of Tanzanian journalist Erick Kabendera, who was arrested on charges of financial fraud, the African Commission took cognizance of IPI's letter and raised the issue with the President of Tanzania.

IPI persistently campaigned for the release of jailed journalists Mahmoud Hussein and Shawkan in Egypt. IPI Executive Director Barbara Trionfi wrote to the Egyptian Foreign Minister Sameh Hassan Shoukry on February 27 demanding the immediate release of Shawkan after he received UNESCO's press freedom prize and urging the government to explain the reasons behind his detention. Shawkan was released shortly thereafter. IPI also condemned strict conditions imposed on his movement, urging the government to lift them.



Communications

In 2019, IPI published 292 statements, reports and in-depth analyses in response to press freedom violations and developments affecting independent journalism across the globe. IPI's statements condemning killings and attacks on journalists and the deteriorating press freedom situation in many countries were widely carried on social media and by prominent national and international media. Comments or interviews with IPI experts appeared in, among numerous others, The New York Times, The Washington Post, The Associated Press, Reuters, EFE, Deutsche Welle, Al Jazeera, Voice of America, El País, The Times of India, Dawn (Pakistan), Premium Times Nigeria, Die Presse (Austria).

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statements
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press freedom
issued in 2019

IPI joins Washington Post Press Freedom Partnership

In December 2019 IPI [joined The Washington Post's Press Freedom Partnership](#), an ongoing initiative that aims to highlight organizations working vigilantly to promote press freedom and raise awareness of the rights of journalists worldwide.



The Post Press Freedom Partnership has more than doubled in membership size since we launched it in November 2018, providing a global platform for sharing the important work of organizations such as the International Press Institute and National Press Club.

- Fred Ryan, publisher and CEO of The Washington Post.

Our Campaigns

#FreeTurkeyJournalists



IPI's [FreeTurkeyJournalists](#) campaign aims to defend press freedom and independent journalism in Turkey, the world's leading jailer of journalists. In 2019, IPI's activities and areas of focus in Turkey included:

- Leading an international press freedom mission in September, the [report](#) on which was launched at the European Parliament in November 2019.
- Online and offline campaigns for the release of all jailed journalists in Turkey, most of whom face baseless anti-terror charges.
- Extensive monitoring of [journalist trials in Turkey](#) and advocating for the protection of journalists' right to a fair trial.
- Supporting cases taken by Turkish journalists to the European Court of Human Rights in Strasbourg.
- Launching a new report on the future of journalism in Turkey, including the prospects for Turkey's young journalists.
- Regular direct advocacy with intergovernmental bodies, including the European Commission and Council of Europe, national governments in Europe, as well as political parties, lawmakers and government officials in Turkey.

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journalists currently behind bars in Turkey

Visit to Turkey

(July 2019)

During a [visit to Turkey in July](#), IPI representatives had the opportunity to meet the newly elected Mayor of Istanbul Ekrem İmamoğlu, who committed to working with IPI in creating conditions for independent journalism to exist in Istanbul. "We carry the responsibility on our shoulder not only for people of Turkey, but the whole world that believes in democracy," İmamoğlu told IPI.



IPI delegation with Mayor Ekrem İmamoğlu; Istanbul, July 16, 2019



The #FreeTurkeyJournalists platform is an effort to promote and defend free expression in Turkey by calling for every journalist behind bars to receive due process and for the release of anyone detained for practicing journalism.

- Trial Monitoring Report (final report, March 2020, [download pdf file](#))
- Trials Calendar <https://freeturkeyjournalists.ipi.media/trials-calendar/>
- Press Freedom Mission Report "Journalists in the Dock: The Judicial Silencing of the Fourth Estate" ([download pdf file](#))

#HoldTheLine #MariaRessa



IPI Executive Board member Maria Ressa, founder and editor of the award-winning Philippine news site Rappler, faces at least nine criminal complaints as part of a widespread campaign of harassment and intimidation waged by the Philippine authorities. Altogether, she faces up to 100 years in prison.

Meeting in February, Ressa's fellow IPI Board members issued a statement calling the charges a "transparent attempt to silence her and shut down Rappler in retaliation for its critical coverage of President Rodrigo Duterte and his administration" and said: We – editors and media executives from 20 countries on five continents – stand in solidarity with Maria Ressa."

Shortly before a verdict was handed down in a cyber-libel trial against Ressa in June, IPI launched a global online and offline [campaign to support her](#) using the voices of IPI members around the world. The campaign included [a press briefing with Ressa](#) and her lawyer with representatives of leading international media outlets that generated widespread coverage.



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Video campaign - IPI Executive Board Members supporting Maria Ressa
Watch videos [here](#)

- Campaign Tool Box at <https://ipi.media/holdtheline-maria-ressa/>
- More About Maria Ressa's case
<https://ipi.media/maria-ressa-fearless-journalism-found-guilty/>



#PressEgypt



IPI's [#PressEgypt campaign](#) seeks to build global pressure on Egypt for the release of the more than 60 journalists currently behind bars, including IPI member Mahmoud Hussein, a correspondent for Al Jazeera.

In 2019, IPI launched a database of jailed journalists in Egypt and through articles, reports, social media campaigns and engagement with governmental institutions such as the African Union has worked to raise the plight of Egypt's jailed journalists internationally.

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Mahmoud Hussein has been behind bars for over 1300 days without charges

- IPI campaign page: <https://ipi.media/pressegypt>
- List of journalists imprisoned in Egypt
<https://ipi.media/pressegypt/journalists-imprisoned-in-egypt/>

Press Freedom Missions

Tanzania (April 1-5, 2019)

An IPI delegation led by IPI Vice Chair Khadija Patel, editor-in-chief of the South African weekly Mail & Guardian, joined the Tanzanian Editors Forum (TEF) for a series of conversations on issues affecting the media and press freedom with a range of stakeholders in both Dar es Salaam and the national capital, Dodoma. [The mission](#) was in response to growing repression of the media under Tanzania President John Magufuli, including arbitrary bans on critical publications as well as unsolved attacks on journalists.

Representatives of IPI and TEF met with Information Minister Dr. Harrison G. Mwakyembe, who agreed on the importance of dialogue with media representatives to achieve the common goal of strengthening quality journalism in Tanzania. Mwakyembe also said he was open to reviewing the controversial Media Services Act, parts of which were found to violate human rights principles of the East African Treaty.

In conversations with political leaders, including Parliament Speaker Job Ndugai, and several MPs, IPI stressed that quality, independent journalism can be a crucial ally in supporting Tanzania's progress in top national agenda items such as promoting economic growth and fighting corruption. Building a strong media sector involves not only raising professional capacities but also creating an environment in which journalists are able to fully exercise their national role as the fourth estate alongside the executive, legislative and judicial branches.

The mission also resulted in the [formation of IPI's Tanzania National Committee](#) to continue IPI's engagement and commitment to defending press freedom in the country.



IPI Vice Chair Khadija Patel with
Tanzania Information Minister
Dr. Harrison G. Mwakyembe

Albania

(June 18-21, 2019)

IPI was part of a coalition of seven international press freedom organizations that travelled to Tirana to meet with journalists, representatives of civil society, international organisations and senior government officials, including Albanian Prime Minister Edi Rama. [The mission](#) was in response to numerous concerns including regular verbal attacks on the press by the government as well as alarming planned new laws that would leave journalists vulnerable to legal harassment. In the meeting with the coalition, Rama disputed most of these concerns but committed to stop using certain belittling language toward journalists and to considering the possibility of fully repealing criminal defamation laws in Albania.

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joined the
mission



Representatives of international press freedom organizations at the joint press conference in Tirana on June 21, 2019

○ Read the findings from the mission to Albania [here](#)

Turkey

(September 2019)

IPI led a joint [press freedom mission to Turkey](#) with seven other international press freedom groups. A central concern was the systemic failure of the judicial system to provide justice to those caught up in the post-coup backlash and charged with terrorism offences. The Turkish government responded to universal criticism of a cowed and compromised judiciary by introducing a judicial reform package that, in the mission's view, failed to sufficiently address the central obstacles of justice and free expression. The mission included meetings with the Constitutional Court, Supreme Court of Cassation and the Justice Ministry,



as well as a range of journalists and NGOs in Istanbul and Ankara. In November, IPI launched its report at the European Parliament in Brussels.

Mexico (November 2-8, 2019)

IPI joined a coalition of 17 international press freedom and freedom of expression organizations for [an international press freedom mission to Mexico](#) to urge the Mexican government to address the enduring crisis of journalist safety and impunity in Mexico, the world's deadliest country for the exercise of journalism. The visit represented a chance for IPI to follow up on a previous mission to Mexico in 2013.

Following a dialogue with Mexican President Andrés Manuel López Obrador during a press conference on November 6 and meetings with Mexican government officials, the mission underscored its concern regarding the lack of guarantees offered by the Mexican state to solve the country's grave freedom of expression crisis and the state's failure to recognize the seriousness of the problem.



Joint press conference at the end of the visit

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Hungary (November 2019)

IPI led a [coalition of six international press freedom and journalists' organisations](#) to Hungary to meet with Hungarian journalists and civil society groups, the international spokesperson of the Hungarian government, Zoltán Kovács, as well as the newly elected mayor of Budapest, Gergely Karácsony.

The [mission findings](#), which were widely covered in the press, showed a dismantling of media freedom and pluralism in the country. The international coalition warned in its mission report of the spread of Orbán's "illiberal" media model across the region. The mission also found



that independent media are under siege through a combination of media market manipulation and systematic delegitimization of journalists, including rhetoric smearing independent journalists as traitors, political activists and foreign agents.

○ Read the findings from the mission to Hungary [here](#)

Austria (November 27-29, 2019)

IPI joined a coalition of four press freedom organizations on [a joint press freedom mission to Austria](#) focussing on the independence of Austria's public service broadcaster, ORF, after the government's attempts to eliminate license fees threatened to increase the risk of interference by government's representatives in editorial decisions.

Direct attacks against journalists, both online and offline, also grew under Austria's previous government. And journalists' ability to access information about the government's work was negatively affected by the government's communication strategy that has become known as "message control".



Press conference of the four international press freedom organisations; Nov. 29, 2019, Vienna, Austria. Photo: ECPMF.

○ Read the group's joint call to the Austrian government [here](#).

Featured Programmes

Covid-19 Media Freedom Monitoring

From the moment the Covid-19 pandemic began, IPI began to monitor related media freedom violations, as governments around the world sought to control the message or take advantage of an unprecedented situation to put in place lasting restrictions on the media.

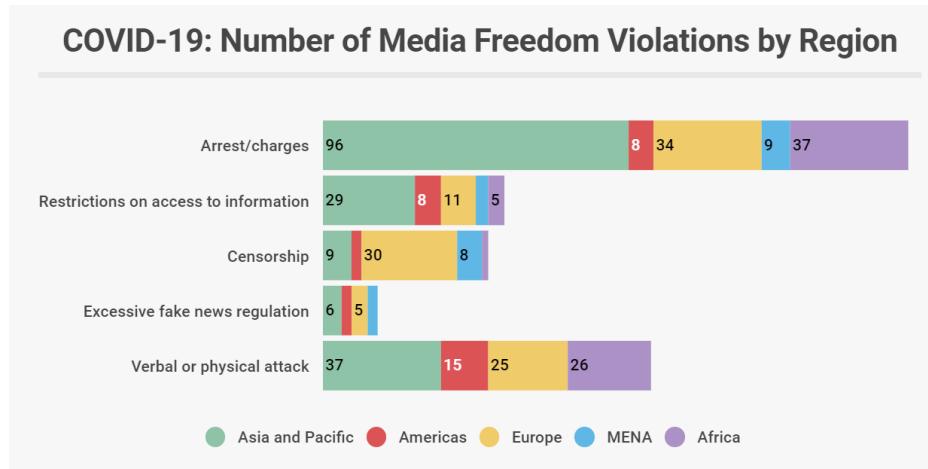


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Covid-19-related media freedom violations

Our [IPI Covid-19 Tracker](#) has now identified over 400 cases where media rights have been infringed upon under the pretext of the Covid-19 emergency. Our advocacy team has deepened the data analysis on the tracker to get an even better picture of just how these violations are impacting journalism, both by region and by type of violation. The tracker has already proven critical in global advocacy efforts and been widely cited by media and policymakers, including U.N. human rights chief Michelle Bachelet.

COVID-19: Number of Media Freedom Violations by Region



Together with press freedom and journalism partners, IPI also launched a new safety resource to help news organizations respond to the

extraordinary challenges brought on by the Covid-19 pandemic, with a focus on the safe commissioning of freelance journalists. [The Covid-19 News Organizations Safety Protocols](#) provide newsrooms and commissioning editors with practical guidance on how to cover the pandemic professionally and in a way that minimizes risk, including crisis management, communications, hygiene and mental health. It also includes best practice around key freelance issues such as accreditation, PPE, insurance and expenses.

Fake News Regulations

List of countries that have passed 'fake news' regulations during Covid-19 pandemic.



- Algeria ● Azerbaijan ● Bolivia ● Bosnia and Herzegovina
- Brazil ● Cambodia ● Hungary ● Jordan ● Philippines
- Puerto Rico ● Romania ● Russia ● Tajikistan ● Thailand
- United Arab Emirates ● Uzbekistan ● Vietnam

○ IPI Press Freedom Tracker

<https://ipi.media/covid19-media-freedom-monitoring/>

○ How IPI members face the challenge <https://ipi.media/meet-our-members/covid-19-how-ipi-members-face-the-challenge/>

○ Countries that have passed 'fake news' regulations during Covid-19 pandemic <https://infogram.com/covid-19-fake-news-regulation-passed-during-covid-19-1h8n6md5q9kj6xo>

IJ4EU

IJ4EU ([Investigative Journalism for Europe](#)) is a fund to support cross-border investigative journalism in Europe. IPI leads the fund in cooperation with the European Journalism Centre and the European Centre for Press and Media Freedom.



Investigative
Journalism
for Europe

On May 5, 2020, [the IJ4EU fund opened two new calls](#) under the IJ4EU fund. [The Investigation Support scheme](#) will provide grants of between €5,000 and €50,000 to new cross-border investigative projects, including those that have recently begun as well as new phases of existing projects.

Separately, [IJ4EU's Publication Support scheme](#) will provide grants of up to €6,250 in short-term support to ongoing cross-border projects that need funds to complete or publish their stories.

In total, the IJ4EU fund will provide €1 million in direct grants to support cross-border investigative journalism in the public interest in 2020. Approximately €800,000 will be distributed through the Investigation Support scheme and €200,000 through the Publication Support scheme. The grants are a continuation of IJ4EU's successful pilot year in 2018, which funded 12 cross-border investigations.

The IJ4EU programme is co-funded as a Preparatory Action by the European Commission (DG Connect), by a grant from the Foundation Open Society Institute in cooperation with the Program on Independent Journalism of the Open Society Foundations, and by Fritt Ord.



Website: <https://www.investigativejournalismforeu.net/>

Media Freedom Rapid Response (MFRR) network in Europe

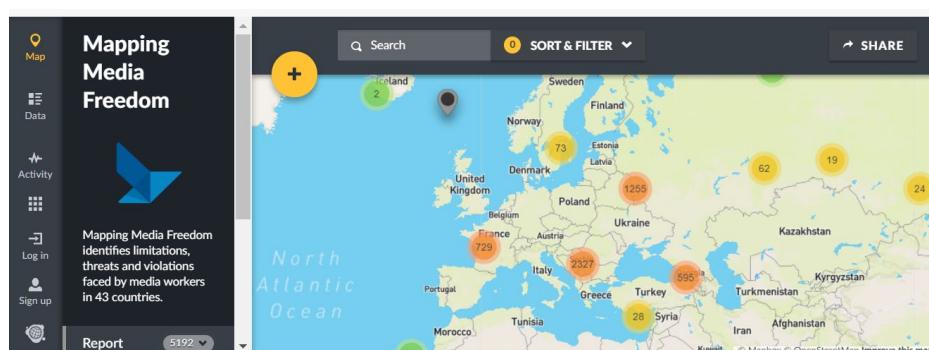
IPI is part of a new project in 2020 which identifies threats, violations and limitations faced by media workers throughout European Union member states, candidates for entry and neighbouring countries.



The Media Freedom Rapid Response is a Europe-wide mechanism to respond to violations of press freedom in EU member states and candidate countries. It provides legal support, shelter, public advocacy and information to protect journalists and media workers. The network involves six leading European and global press freedom groups, including IPI.

IPI plays a crucial role in the network through extensive monitoring of press freedom violations and advocacy in response to them. IPI will also lead or participate in press freedom missions across the EU and candidate countries. This project allows IPI to consolidate and expand its press freedom work in Europe, while strengthening European standards in this area. Monitoring of individual cases is done through the Mapping Media Freedom website.

As part of IPI's activities in Europe, we have dedicated particular attention to Central Europe and the Visegrad region, where a number of countries have been implementing restrictive policies towards the media in a widespread climate of media capture. IPI has been monitoring the trial of the perpetrators of murdered journalist Jan Kuciak in Slovakia.



Website: <https://www.mfrr.eu/>



Press freedom and the rule of law in Turkey

IPI is in the third year of its grant-funded project to support [press freedom and independent journalism in Turkey](#). This project covers all of IPI's monitoring and advocacy work related to Turkey, both in the country and in Europe, as well as trial monitoring, campaigns to free jailed journalists and to end other types of interference with journalism, and advocacy and awareness-raising events related to Turkey.



The project focuses in particular on strengthening Turkey's respect for the rule of law and raising awareness about breaches of court procedures in trials against journalists, many of which are linked to the lack of judicial independence.

Thanks to IPI's long-term engagement in defence of press freedom in Turkey and the close cooperation with the National Committee, IPI today is a leading voice on the future of journalism in Turkey.

Turkey Podcasts

IPI launched a new podcast series in June 2020: [IPI Freedom Dialogues #Turkey](#), hosted by prominent journalist Cansu Çamlıbel, editor of the independent news site Duvar English. This series will shed light on key journalism-related issues through discussions with leading editors and experts.



The first episode with IPI Executive Board member and Chair of IPI's Turkey National Committee Kadri Gürsel on "Why press freedom matters to everyone - not just journalists" is available on [Spotify](#).



- <https://freeturkeyjournalists.ipi.media/ipi-freedom-dialogues-turkey/>

Ontheline and Newsrooms Ontheline

Since 2015, IPI has been researching the phenomenon of online harassment of journalists and steps that newsrooms can take to protect their journalists from the impact of online abuse. IPI's new [Ontheline Newsrooms platform](#), launched at the end of 2019, is an online resource on this topic, providing concrete resources for newsrooms to combat online harassment. These measures are based on best practices collected in newsrooms across Europe and offer specific strategies to address the emotional and professional toll that online harassment takes on journalists.



IPI also developed [video tutorials](#) with experts in the field to address important issues like coping with the emotional impact of online harassment, as well as legal remedies when dealing with such cases.

IPI experts also held workshops for journalists working in newsrooms in Bratislava, Budapest and Helsinki to deal with online harassment by implementing the tools and protocols that were developed by [IPI's Ontheline project](#).



- Video tutorials: <https://newsrooms-ontheline.ipi.media/tutorials/>
- Download protocols ([pdf file](#), English)
- Download "Newsroom Best Practices for Addressing Online Violence against Journalists" ([pdf file](#))

IPI Death Watch

Drop in journalist killings in 2019

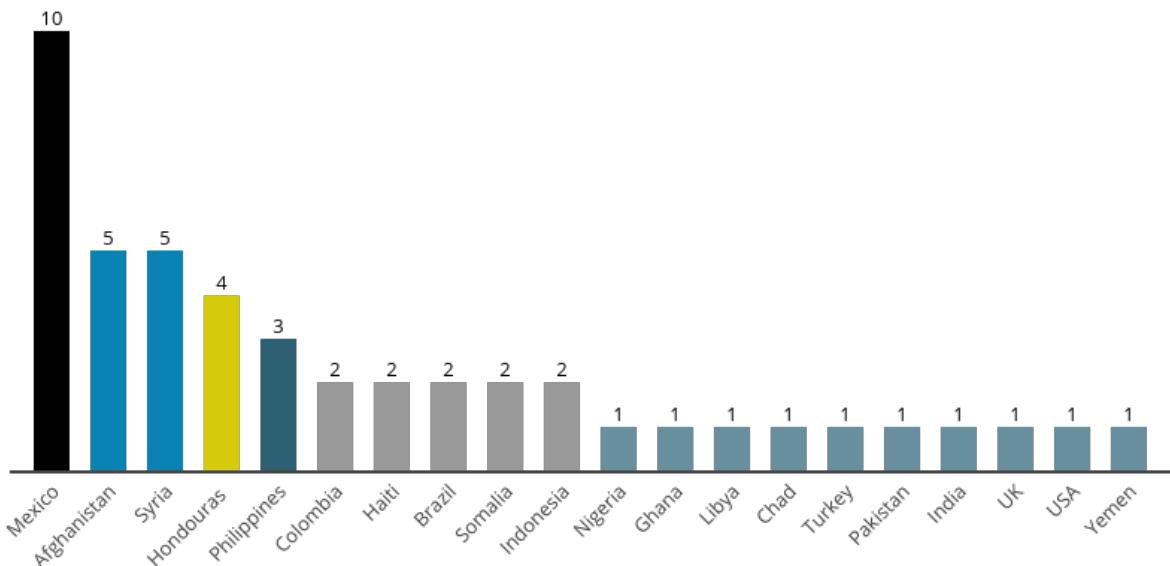
According to IPI's [Death Watch](#), 47 journalists were killed last year, as compared with 79 in 2018 and 82 in 2017. Of those killed in 2019, 30 were murdered in targeted attacks in retaliation for their work, frequently in response to reports exposing corruption or the activities of crime syndicates. The majority of targeted killings took place in the Americas, where some 19 journalists were killed, including ten in Mexico. Four journalists were killed in Honduras and two each in Colombia, Haiti and Brazil.

While the drop in killings is welcome, impunity for past murders remains rampant. An international mission to Mexico in November underscored that the country had failed to bring those responsible to justice in even a single case out of more than 100 journalist murders since 2006. Only Europe saw some positive developments towards ending impunity. In October, Slovak prosecutors charged the alleged mastermind behind the 2018 killing of investigative journalist Ján Kuciak and his fiancée. More than two years after the murder of journalist Daphne Caruana Galizia, in November Malta arrested and questioned high-ranking government officials in connection with the crime, including the prime minister's chief of staff, prompting the prime minister himself to announce his resignation.

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journalists
killed in 2019

IPI's Death Watch lists journalists and media staff whose deaths have been linked to journalism. It includes names of those who were deliberately targeted because of their profession, either because of their reporting or simply because they were journalists, as well as those who lost their lives while on assignment.



IPI Awards 2019

IPI World Press Freedom Hero 2019

The IPI World Press Freedom Hero Award honours journalists who have made significant contributions to the promotion of media freedom or the free flow of news and information, particularly in the face of great personal risk.



The IPI Free Media Pioneer Award recognizes news or media organizations that have made innovations that have promoted news access or quality, or benefited journalists and the media community, thereby ensuring freer and more independent media in their country or region.

Both awards have been given in partnership with Copenhagen-based International Media Support (IMS) since 2015 and are presented annually at IPI's World Congress.

The 2019 IPI World Press Freedom Hero Award was given to Cyril Almeida, an editor and columnist with Pakistan's Dawn newspaper. Almeida, who is known for his tenacious coverage of the civil-military relations and the Pakistani state's patronage of militant groups, was been repeatedly attacked for his reporting, including being tried for treason.

Accepting the award at IPI's World Congress in Geneva, Almeida said Pakistan was experiencing the "greatest rollback of civil liberties, media freedom and political rights in a generation. Increasingly, only state-sanctioned dissent, politics and protest are allowed."



Read more about Cyril Almeida and his work [here](#).

2019 IPI-IMS Free Media Pioneer Award

The 2019 IPI-IMS Free Media Pioneer Award was given to the Egyptian news website Mada Masr, which has courageously delivered independent, investigative coverage to a public otherwise starved of it.

The co-founder of Mada Masr, Lina Attalah said the award made her and her team proud of the work they have been doing over the past five-and-a-half years, often under very difficult political conditions. "This is one of the moments in which I am particularly proud", she told the audience at the World Congress in Geneva.



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Mada and the team behind it have found a sense of purpose in offering a daily menu of informative content in compelling forms about current issues at a time when a proper media practice is barely affordable in Egypt with the unprecedented restrictions that surround us.

Lina Attalah, co-founder, Mada Masr

Read more about Mada Masr and their work [here](#).

For the past five years, both awards have been given in partnership with Copenhagen-based International Media Support (IMS).



Alfred Fried Photography Award 2019

For the sixth consecutive year, IPI partnered with the Photographische Gesellschaft (PHG) and Edition Lammerhuber to present the annual Alfred Fried Photography Award. The 2019 winner of the international photo competition for the best image of peace, presented on September 12, 2019 in Vienna, was Stefan Boness from Germany for his photo coverage of the Fridays for Future movement.



In a moving address, as IPI's guest at the award ceremony at the Austrian Parliament, Pulitzer Prize winner, Matthew Caruana Galizia, son of Malta's murdered journalist Daphne Caruana Galizia - reminded us that, regardless of all the attacks, it was the duty of journalists to fight for a democratic society, against corruption and against any attempt to suppress the freedom of expression and of people.



○ Read more [here](#).

Excellence in Journalism Prize presented by IPI's Indian National Committee

IPI's Indian National Committee presented its 2019 Award for Excellence in Journalism to private news channel NDTV for an investigation into the murder of an eight-year-old girl in Kathua, Kashmir in January 2018. The girl belonged to a Muslim nomadic tribe, while the men accused of the crime were all Hindus, which raised communal tensions in the region and sparked protests in defence of the accused. "The award is for the exposé of the conspiracy to scuttle probe into the heinous Kathua rape and murder, and a strong exposé of the political hypocrisy across the political spectrum", the Indian National Committee said in announcing the award last November, calling the story "representative of excellence in journalism." The investigation was led by senior anchor [Nidhi Razdan](#) who received the award at the ceremony in New Delhi in March 2020.



○ Read our interview with [Nidhi Razdan here.](#)

IPI World Congress 2019

(Geneva, Switzerland, 4-5 June)

The [2019 IPI World Congress](#) was held in Geneva, Switzerland from 4 to 5 June and was organized in partnership with the European Broadcasting Union (EBU).

In 2019, under the theme "Building Alliances for Independent Media" some 200 editors, journalists and media executives from more than 40 countries gathered in Geneva, Switzerland to engage in intense deliberations over two days to discuss the challenges that press freedom and independent journalists are faced with and the possible solutions, as well successful strategies to strengthen the relationship between news organisations and their audiences in defence of quality journalism as a public good.

>200

participants from
>40 countries at
the IPIWoCo
2019



Without the facts, you segment everybody so that the voice with the largest microphone wins.

- Maria Ressa, Rappler, at the IPIWoCo 2010 opening

The 2019 IPIWoCo took place at several prestigious venues in Geneva, starting with the main Congress venues at the U.N. and the European Broadcasting Union (EBU) headquarters. Special events for Congress participants also took place at the International Red Cross Museum, CERN and the Swiss Radio and Television (RTS).

The 2019 IPIWoCo was an engaging and thought-provoking event, where over 200 participants from 40 countries, actively participated in the more than 15 different events and sessions.



Missed the #IPIWoCo 2019? Watch the videos

If you missed last year's [IPI World Congress in Geneva](#) or if you just want to rewatch, the event videos are now available on [IPI's YouTube channel](#)

- [2019 IPI World Congress Opening Ceremony](#) (UNOG, 4 June)
- [Town Hall Meeting](#) – How the Press and the Public Can Defend Independent Media (UNOG, 4 June)
- [Celebrating Courage and Excellence in Journalism](#) (UNOG, 4 June)
- [Web-streaming](#) of the second day of the programme (EBU, 5 June)

Some of the topics discussed at #IPIWoCo2019:

- [Stopping Hacks, Data Abuse and Disinformation in Europe](#)
- [When Large and Small Media Work to Break Stories Together](#)
- [A Reality Check – Connecting with Audiences](#)
- [Populism Reawakened and What it Means for Quality Journalism?](#)
- [Trust in Public Service Media in Shifting Times: How to Make it Better](#)
- [Critical Journalism in Central and Eastern Europe](#)
- [Journalism in Repressive Media Environments](#)



- All recorded sessions and events are listed [here](#).
- IPI World congress 2019 [programme](#)
- IPI World congress 2019 [list of participants](#)

Selected IPI events from 2019

(organized by or in cooperation with IPI)

UNCOVERED

Investigative Journalism for Europe

(Berlin, Jan. 31-Feb.1, 2019)

The [UNCOVERED conference](#) in Berlin celebrated the achievements of the inaugural IJ4EU grant for cross-border investigative journalism, which was managed by IPI. The conference presented the work of the grantees and assessed the challenges that investigative journalism faces in Europe today and the conditions – political, legal, and financial – that are necessary for investigative journalism to flourish.



IPI's Deputy Director Scott Griffen in conversation with journalist Annika Joeres at the UNCOVERED conference in Berlin on January 31, 2019.
Photo by ECPMF

Launch of the Annual Report of the Council of Europe Platform for the Protection of Journalism

(Strasbourg, Feb. 12, 2019)

Representatives of IPI and 11 other partner organizations to the Council of Europe Platform to promote the protection of journalism and safety of journalists presented their [annual report](#). The report painted a disturbing picture: impunity, weakened institutions and lack of accountability are a reality in Council of Europe Member States – including those inside the European Union. Urgent action by the Council of Europe, the European Union and their Member States is needed. The session allowed for a discussion between civil society speakers and attending Members of the European Parliament.

Read the report [here](#)

Press briefing: One year after Kuciak murder (Vienna, Feb. 21, 2019)

IPI Vice Chair Beata Balogová, editor-in-chief of SME, Slovakia's largest quality daily newspaper, and IPI Deputy Director Scott Griffen gave a [press briefing](#) on February 20 at Vienna's Presseclub Concordia about the status of the investigation into the murder of Slovak investigative journalist Jan Kuciak, who was murdered in February 2018.



*Press briefing at Vienna's
Presseclub Concordia*

Expert Meeting: Rising Attacks on the Press - A Global Scourge (Geneva, UNOG, March 19, 2019)

IPI, together with Al Jazeera Centre for Public Liberties and Human Rights, organized a panel discussion at the U.N. in Geneva to highlight the shrinking space for press freedom around the world and the increasing threat to the safety of journalists, spurred by rampant impunity.

Speakers included: Andrew Caruana Galizia, son of murdered Maltese journalist Daphne Caruana Galizia; John Daniszewski, vice president, The Associated Press; Giles Trendle, managing director, Al Jazeera English and IPI Executive Director Barbara Trionfi.

Screening of ‘A Dark Place’ at the Geneva Human Rights Film Festival (Geneva, March 9, 2019)

The #SOFJO Documentary, “A Dark Place” produced by IPI with the OSCE Representative on Freedom of the Media was featured at the 17th International Film Festival and Forum on Human Rights in Geneva on March 9. Filmed in eight countries, the documentary reveals the risk that online harassment against women journalists poses to pluralism and freedom of expression. It features interviews with nearly two dozen journalists, lawyers and academic experts in Turkey, Russia, Spain, Finland, Serbia, Austria, the UK and the United States.



IPI's Javier Luque Martinez introducing the movie to the audience in Geneva

Press briefing: The case of Austrian journalist Max Zirngast in Turkey (April 10, 2019)

On the day his trial in Turkey was set to begin, Austrian journalist and activist Max Zirngast spoke via Skype at Vienna’s Presseclub Concordia to IPI’s Scott Griffen about his trial on baseless terrorism charges. Zirngast, who has written for leftist magazines such as re:volt and Jacobin, was arrested on September 11, 2018, in Ankara by anti-terror police who raided his flat and confiscated books. The 29-year-old Zirngast was sent the next day to Sincan prison in Ankara where he was held for over three months without official charges until he was released on December 24 pending trial. On September 11, 2019, exactly a year after police raided his apartment, Max Zirngast was acquitted and allowed to return to Austria.

Global Conference for Media Freedom (London, July 2019)

IPI Executive Director Barbara Trionfi and numerous IPI members from around the world took part in the Global Conference for Media Freedom hosted by the UK and Canadian governments in London on July 10 and 11. IPI joined more than 25 other press freedom and media development organizations in a statement calling on participating states the Global Media Freedom Conference in London to take credible steps toward improving media freedom. IPI Vice Chair Beata Balogová joined a session on “navigation disinformation” chaired by Canadian Minister of Foreign Affairs Chrystia Freeland.



IPI team at the Global Conference for Media Freedom

Launch of IPI's report on the future of journalism in Turkey (Istanbul, July 16, 2019)

IPI announced the results of its study on the future of quality journalism in Turkey at the Journalists' Union of Turkey's (TGS) Press Academy in Istanbul on July 16. The study, entitled “It Won't Always Be Like This: How to Prepare Turkey's Journalists for a Freer Era”, is based on more than 100 interviews with journalism students, local journalists, publishers and academics conducted by IPI Turkish National Committee Vice Chair Emre Kızılkaya from February to April 2019.





Launch at TGS Press Academy in Istanbul on July 16, 2019.

Download the report here ([pdf file, English](#))

2019 OSCE Asian Conference (Tokyo, Sept. 2-3, 2019)

IPI Executive Director Barbara Trionfi delivered a keynote address at the third session of the 2019 Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE) Asian Conference in Tokyo, Japan, on September 3, 2019. Trionfi addressed the third session on “Risks to the safety of journalists in the digital era”, which focused on: vulnerability of journalists to becoming targets of hacking, unlawful and arbitrary surveillance or interception of communications, undermining enjoyment of their right to freedom of expression and their right to be free from arbitrary or unlawful interference with privacy.

Briefing: Daphne Caruana Galizia and Malta’s Threatened Press (Vienna, Sept. 13, 2019)

IPI co-hosted a press briefing with Matthew Caruana Galizia, son of murdered Maltese journalist Daphne Caruana Galizia. Mathew Caruana Galizia spoke to IPI Executive Director Barbara Trionfi about the circumstances that led to Daphne’s murder and that perpetuated impunity.



Matthew Caruana Galizia,
journalist and son of Daphne
Caruana Galizia with Barbara
Trionfi, IPI Executive Director

Justice for Daphne Caruana Galizia

(Vienna, Oct. 16, 2019)

IPI, Reporters without Borders Austria and Presseclub Concordia marked the second anniversary of murder of Maltese journalist Daphne Caruana Galizia with a vigil outside the Maltese Embassy in Vienna to demand justice for her killing.



Vigil outside the Maltese
Embassy in Vienna

Expert Talk on Anti-SLAPP Solutions

(Brussels, Nov. 12, 2019)

IPI joined an event at the European Parliament on limiting the abuse of strategic lawsuits against public participation, or SLAPP. The term SLAPP is used to describe court cases in which a powerful plaintiff, often a large corporation or wealthy politician, initiates proceedings against journalists or other critics to stop investigative research, silence criticism or squash political expression. Plaintiffs do not intend to win their case but rather bog defendants down in lengthy and costly procedures that ultimately produce a chilling effect.



Roundtable on the Safety of Journalists (Geneva – November 2019)

In November, IPI, in cooperation with the Al Jazeera Media Network and the Permanent Missions of Austria, Greece and the United Kingdom, organized a roundtable discussion with the members of the U.N. General Assembly's Third Committee to highlight the shrinking space for press freedom around the world and the increasing threat to the safety of journalists, spurred by rampant impunity.

Foreign Editors' Circle (New York, USA, November 2019)

IPI's North American Committee, in cooperation with the Associated Press (AP), held its 7th Foreign Editors' Circle at AP's headquarters in New York City. Previous gatherings held at The New York Times (2018) and at the Washington Post (2017) focused on the Trump administration's effect on international relations and America's place in the world as well as cybersecurity and disinformation. The 2019 Circle covered the following topics: The State of our World – Concerns about International Reporting and Foreign Coverage; Cyber-meddling, the Media and Democracy; The Power of the Image in Foreign Coverage. Foreign editors from a range of major publications were represented at the meeting, including The New York Times, The Washington Post, The Associated Press, Reuters, Los Angeles Times, NPR, ProPublica and the Philadelphia Inquirer.

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Foreign
Editors
Circles
organized
since 2013



*Seventh Foreign Editors' Circle;
AP's headquarters; NYC*

Turkey's Journalists in the Dock: Launch of international press freedom mission report (Brussels, Nov 18, 2019)

Over two days in Brussels, IPI and other press freedom organisations presented the findings of the joint International Press Freedom Mission to Turkey to leaders and policy makers at the European Commission and the European Parliament and held discussions on how the EU could best engage to support the plight of Turkey's journalists.



Copies of the report presented in Brussels

A separate press conference to share the findings of the mission was held in Istanbul on November 29.

- Press Freedom Mission Report "Journalists in the Dock: The Judicial Silencing of the Fourth Estate" ([download pdf file](#))

Online Events 2020



In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, IPI hosted or joined a growing number of online events related to the protection of press freedom. Some selected key events are listed here.

WPFD Turkey: Role of media in beating the pandemic (May 3, 2020)



IPI hosted a webinar on May 3, World Press Freedom Day, to highlight the importance of independent media in beating the pandemic. Journalists in Turkey have faced immense challenges in recent years due to government efforts to suppress the flow of information and silence criticism. While the Turkish authorities are now continuing their efforts to control information amid the COVID-19 pandemic, journalists, and news outlets independent from government control are striving to carry out quality reporting despite these restrictions.



Prominent journalists from Turkey spoke about the challenges of reporting the truth to the public under the global health crisis.

Watch the video recording (in Turkish) [here](#).

WPFD MFRR: No lockdown for press freedom

(May 4, 2020)

On the occasion of 2020 World Press Freedom Day, IPI Deputy Director Scott Griffen moderated a virtual discussion hosted by the partners of the Media Freedom Rapid Response (MFRR) on how to counter the abusive strategies used by governments to limit press freedom in the current Coronavirus pandemic. Speakers presented case studies of European countries where governments have taken emergency measures or issued decrees that misuse information laws, limit access to information, allow or increase surveillance, and that lead to direct or indirect censorship.

Watch the video recording [here](#).

OECD Global Anti-Corruption & Integrity Forum

(May 13, 2020)

IPI Executive Director Barbara Trionfi joined a panel hosted by the OECD Global Anti-Corruption and Integrity Forum on enhanced risks for corruption, undue influence and bribery created by the COVID-19 crisis. The panel asked how governments and businesses can address these risks and maintain the rule of law, public integrity, and business ethics?

Watch the video recording [here](#).

Quality journalism, Covid-19 and disinformation

(June 3, 2020)

The graphic features three headshots in square frames: Barbara Trionfi on the left, Naadezhda Azhgikhina in the center, and Bojan Pancevski on the right. Below the images is the event title: "COVID-19 AND DISINFORMATION: QUALITY JOURNALISM AS A REMEDY?". At the bottom, there are logos for the European Foundation for Democracy, International Press Institute (IPI), and the U.S. Mission to the European Union.



The European Foundation for Democracy, in cooperation with IPI and the U.S. Mission to the European Union, jointly organized an online discussion with IPI Executive Director Barbara Trionfi. Amidst the COVID-19 crisis, the webinar explored how the promotion of independent, critical, pluralistic, and professional journalism can represent a remedy against disinformation by providing sound and fact-based information.

Watch the video recording [here](#).

The End of Press Freedom in Hong Kong?

(June 3, 2020)

IPI, together with Vienna's Presseclub Concordia, hosted an online discussion around China's "security law" for Hong Kong. The new law is a threat not only to the pro-democratic protest movement in the autonomous territory – which successfully pushed back against a controversial extradition bill last year – but also to press freedom. In a conversation moderated by IPI's Scott Griffen, Hong Kong journalist Mok Kwan Ling (Ming Pao Weekly) and Jodi Schneider (Bloomberg News), president of the Hong Kong Foreign Correspondents' Club, offered an on-the-ground assessment of current developments and whether the security law meant the end of the "one country, two systems" policy.



Watch the video recording [here](#).

Access to information and the safety of journalists in times of crisis

(June 4, 2020)

IPI Executive Director Barbara Trionfi joined a high-level expert panel organized by Austria, Canada and The Netherlands on challenges to access to information in times when most governments need to come up with strategies to mitigate the effect of the Covid-19 pandemic on their societies. It discussed the importance of the right to access to information and of free, independent, plural and diverse media for inclusive and peaceful societies and democracies, for holding public institutions and officials accountable and for good governance. Trionfi presented IPI's data on Covid-19-related violations. Other speakers included Michelle Bachelet, U.N. High Commissioner for Human Rights; David Kaye, U.N. special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of the right to freedom of opinion and expression; Agnes Callamard, U.N. Special Rapporteur on extrajudicial, summary, or arbitrary executions alongside leading representatives of press freedom organisations.

Watch the video recording [here](#)

Nedim Türfent: 1500 Days Behind Bars

(June 21, 2020)

On June 21, IPI, MLSA and PEN International marked Turkish-Kurdish journalist Nedim Türfent's 1,500th day behind bars with a renewed call for his release and two online panel sessions in Turkish and English to highlight Türfent's continued imprisonment. On June 15, 45 international and local press freedom organizations published a joint statement to mark Türfent's 1500 days behind bars and the injustice in the Kurdish journalist's case.

Watch the video recording in Turkish [here](#)

Watch the video recording in English [here](#)

Freedom of Expression, Media and Information: SHDM II

(June 22-23, 2020)

IPI's Barbara Trionfi spoke about state measures to support independent media in times of crisis during the OSCE-ODHIR second Supplementary Human Dimension Meeting (SHDM) on Freedom of Expression, Media and Information, which saw the participation of representatives of OSCE's 57 participating States, OSCE institutions as well as civil society in the region.



Reporting Safely and with Clarity: Journalism and the Black Lives Matter Protests

(July 7, 2020)

Organised by IPI in cooperation with the National Association of Black Journalists (NABJ), this online event looked at how journalists mesh their craft and moral obligations with an absolute commitment to the truth. How do journalists bring the necessary ethical and journalistic clarity to reporting the Black Lives Matter movement? Moderated by IPI Board member and Politico Editor John Yearwood, speakers included Karen Attiah, global opinions editor of the Washington Post; Madison Carter, reporter for WKBW-TV 7 Eyewitness News; Omar Jimenez, CNN correspondent; and Molly Hennessy-Fiske, Houston bureau chief of the Los Angeles Times.



Karen Attiah
The Washington Post



Madison Carter
WKBW-TV 7



Molly Hennessy-Fiske
LA Times



Omar Jimenez
CNN



John Yearwood
Politico



- Watch the video recording [here](#)
- Read more about the discussion [here](#)

Resolutions 2019

The members of the International Press Institute (IPI), meeting on June 5, 2019 at their 68th annual General Assembly during the IPI World Congress in Geneva, Switzerland, adopted by unanimous vote a resolution calling on the government of Egypt to release all jailed journalists and to end harassment of critical media, including through the blocking of online news sites.

The General Assembly also expressed grave concern over the United States government's decision to charge WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange under the Espionage Act in connection with WikiLeaks's publication of classified government documents.

The IPI Network Keeps Growing

Welcome to all our new Executive Board members

During the 68th IPI General Assembly, we welcomed new members to the IPI Executive Board:

- **Stephen Gitagama**, Group CEO of East Africa's Nation Media Group
- **Wada Maida**, Chairman, People's Media Limited, Nigeria
- **Maria Ressa** CEO and Executive Editor, Rappler, Philippines



See the list of all IPI Executive Board Members on page 45.

- Press Release: [IPI Welcomes new Executive Board Members](#)
- Interview: [Stephen Gitagama on the media landscape in East Africa](#)

New National Committees

We welcome two new National Committees in the Czech Republic and Tanzania to our global network.

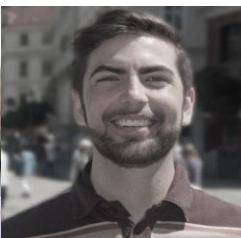


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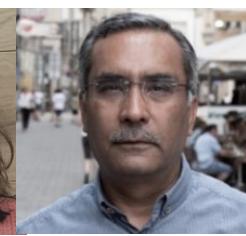
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Financial Auditor's Report

To the
Executive Board and Executive Director
International Press Institute (IPI)
Spiegelgasse 2
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Vienna, 2nd June 2020

Audit Report according to Art. 21 of the Law on Associations – Vereinsgesetz 2002 (Profit and Loss Statement – Balance Sheet 2019)

We have audited the annual accounts of the International Press Institute (IPI) for the period 1.1.2019 to 31.12.2019 in accordance with the form and conditions described in Art. 21 of the Austrian Law on Associations – Vereinsgesetz 2002 (profit-and-loss statement and balance sheet).

It was agreed that for this task the rules for small associations (kleine Vereine) as defined by Art. 21 of the Law on Associations – Vereinsgesetz 2002 shall be applied.

Responsibility of management for financial governance

Responsibility for IPI's proper financial governance, which encompasses proper accounting as well as ensuring that resources are used in accordance with IPI's statutes, lies with the Executive Director, who must ensure that an accounting system that meets IPI's needs is in place and that IPI's financial position is identifiable in a timely and sufficient manner.

Responsibility of the auditor

Our task is to render judgment, based on our auditing procedure, as to whether proper accounting exists and whether IPI's resources are used according to company statutes in all significant areas.

Any shortcomings in financial conduct or any dangers for IPI's continued stability and existence are to be pointed out in the course of our reporting. Unusual income or expenses, especially cases of self-dealing, are to be particularly highlighted.

We have carried out our audit in accordance with existing Austrian law and with professional principles with respect to auditing the accounts of associations. Additionally, we are to uphold our professional duty and legal requirement of independence and plan and carry out the contracted task according to the principle of materiality so that we can complete our report with sufficient certainty.

The selection of the audit procedure lies at the duty-bound discretion of the auditor based on his assessment of the risk that any significant misrepresentations will arise, whether due to intended or unintended mistakes. When preparing this risk assessment, the auditor takes into account the internal control system, insofar as this is relevant for the account of the association, in order to establish an appropriate auditing procedure based on the overall parameters, but not, however, in order to render judgment on the effectiveness of the internal control system itself. IPI can be said to use its resources in accordance with its statutes when its resources are applied to toward the fulfilment of the IPI's purpose, and in particular toward the financing of activities related to such purpose.

The audit in accordance with Art. 21 of the Law on Associations – Vereinsgesetz 2002 does not comprise a full audit or an auditor's review of the Profit and Loss Statement – Balance Sheet, or the uncovering or investigation of criminal acts, e.g., embezzlement or other improper acts or regulatory offences.

In our view, the accounting records we acquired are sufficient and appropriate to serve as the basis for our audit report.

Audit Report

On the basis of the findings we gained through our examination, **proper accounting is in place and resources were used according to company statutes for the period from 1.1.2019 to 31.12.2019** in all significant areas.
No unusual income or expenses, in particular self-dealing, was found.



Application restrictions

This report was produced exclusively upon request of and in the interest of the contracting party and does not establish basis for possible third-party trust in its content. The report may not be provided in full or in excerpted form to third parties without our express consent. Third-party claims can therefore not be extrapolated from this report.

Contractual conditions

We have produced this report on the basis of the contract we have agreed with you, which is subject to the General Conditions of Contract for the Public Accounting Professions (AAB Wirtschaftstreuhänder), which additionally applies to third parties and a copy of which is attached to this report.

Our responsibility and liability is, according to Art. 275, par. 2 of the Austrian Commercial Code (UGB), with respect to IPI and respect to third parties capped at €2 million total.

Vienna, 2nd of June 2020

INTERNATIONAL PRESS INSTITUTE

BALANCE SHEET per	31.12.2019	31.12.2018
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ASSETS

Cash at Banks and in Hand	504.655	374.142
Accounts receivable/Accruals	9.409	33.257
Investments	799.127	756.016
	1.313.190	1.163.415

LIABILITIES

Debts

Income 2020	15.674	
Projectfunding 2020	58.818	
Accruals Membership 2020-22	40.500	0
Accruals for Projects	40.000	70.087
	154.992	70.087

Equity

Equity brought forward	1.009.029	972.404
Reserve for severance payments	84.300	84.300
Operating income 2019/2018	33.864	41.790
Result from investments	31.006	-5.165
Equity TOTAL end of year	1.158.199	1.093.329

1.313.190	1.163.415
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PROFIT & LOSS STATEMENT

<u>Income</u>	2019	2018
Membership Dues	160.972	173.098
Membership dues paid by PFF	67.837	50.513
Individual Contributions	50.000	50.000
Project Grants Income	501.857	646.374
Interests	14.519	10.025
Exchange GAINS	0	1.597
Conferences Income	57.972	36.293
Other Income	98.892	83.254
	<hr/> 952.049	1.051.154
 <u>Operating Expenditure</u>		
Salaries & Social Security	409.944	403.851
Outreach	7.570	7.393
Press Freedom/Project Grants Expenses	326.160	418.298
Conferences Expenses	46.231	13.961
Communications	2.917	2.915
Office Rent & Services	93.976	91.728
Office Supplies	2.315	1.551
IT Costs	16.508	17.389
Exchange LOSS	107	
Professional Fees	5.460	5.411
Bank Charges	6.997	5.896
Other Costs	0	970
Accrual for IPI Network Dev.Project	0	40.000
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Phone & Mailings	2.917	2.915
Office Rent & Services	93.976	91.728
Office Supplies	2.315	1.551
IT Costs	16.508	17.389
Exchange LOSS	107	0
Professional Fees	5.460	5.411
Professional Services	5.460	2.400
Insurances	0	3.011
Bank Charges	6.997	5.896
Other costs	0	970
Insurance		0
Operating income 2017/2018		0
Miscellaneous		970
Accrual for IPI Network Dev.Project		40.000
Operating income 2019/2018	918.185	1.009.364
	33.864	41.790
	952.049	1.051.154





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