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**“Documenting Change –
Empowering Media”**
CONGRESS HANDBOOK

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Programme

Documenting Change – Empowering Media Hotel Le Royal

SATURDAY, May 18

10:00 – 19:15 **2nd Forum for Media Freedom Defenders in the Arab World**
(organised by the Center for Defending Freedom of Journalists, an IPI partner)

SUNDAY, May 19

09:00 – 14:30 **2nd Forum for Media Freedom Defenders in the Arab World**
(continued)

09:00 **Using Social Media in News Coverage – One Day Workshop**
(only for pre-registered participants)
Jarasia Ballroom

09:00 **IPI Board of Directors Meeting**
Azure room, 10th floor

16:00 **3rd Annual National Committee Chair Meeting**
Azure room, 10th floor

18:00 **Welcome Reception**
Chesters Club balcony, 10th floor



Welcome Remarks:

Alison Bethel McKenzie, executive director, IPI

Galina Sidorova, chair, IPI board of directors; co-founder, Foundation for Investigative Journalism - Foundation 19/29, Russia

Nidal Mansour, executive president, Center for Defending Freedom of Journalists, Jordan

19:00 **Town Hall Meeting: “The Debate: Who is a Journalist?”**
Philadelphia Hall, 2nd floor

In today's digital world, almost anyone with a computer or mobile phone can send pictures or stories to a news outlet themselves. The rapid rise of

the so-called 'citizen journalist' and the blogger raises the question of what it means to be a professional journalist if 'everyone is a journalist'. Do we need a broader definition of 'journalist'? In today's climate, who should be called a journalist? These and other issues will be hotly debated.



Moderator:

Jim Clancy, anchor and correspondent, CNN International, USA



Panellists:

George Hawatmeh, president, AWAN, Arab Media Consultants, Jordan

Frank La Rue, UN Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of the right to freedom of opinion and expression

Laura Weffer Cifuentes, journalist and author, *El Nacional*, Venezuela

John Yearwood, world editor, *The Miami Herald*, USA

MONDAY, May 20

09:30 **Note: Please arrive at the venue by 9:30 to allow time for security screening!**

10:00 **Opening Ceremony**
Ishtar Ballroom

Opening Remarks and Presentation of the “Executive Director’s Report The State of Press Freedom Worldwide”

by **Alison Bethel McKenzie**, executive director, IPI

10:45 Coffee Break

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Welcome Remarks
by **His Majesty King Abdullah II**
ibn Al Hussein

Introduced by **Dawn Thomas**, group chief executive officer, One Caribbean Media Limited (OCM), Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago; IPI executive board member

Short break

12:15 **Session I: “From Passion to Profession: How to Translate the Idealism of the Arab Spring into Professionalism”**
Ishtar Ballroom

Many Arab Spring activists have played a double role in the uprisings – as revolutionaries and citizen reporters. They have used social media to both organise and cover the revolutions and to bypass government restrictions to quickly spread information. How can we preserve the passion, keeping citizens active and connected, while also raising professional standards to draw a line between activism and journalism? How can the interactive flow of information in online communities be verified? How can one put aside distinct opinions, activism and propaganda to engage in real journalism?



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Moderator:
Charles M. Sennott, executive editor
and vice president, GlobalPost, USA



Panellists:

Lina Ben Mhenni, Internet activist and blogger,
“A Tunisian Girl”, Tunisia

Abeer Saady, vice president, Egyptian Journalists’
Syndicate, Egypt

Ahmed Shihab-Eldin, host/producer, HuffPost Live, USA;
creator and former co-host, “The Stream”, Al-Jazeera
English, Qatar

13:15 Lunch • 2nd floor

14:15 **Session II: “Triangulating the Truth: How to Cover Syria and Who to Trust”**
Ishtar Ballroom

With at least 31 journalists and citizen reporters killed in Syria in 2012, the country has become the most dangerous country in the world for journalists. Few foreign correspondents are permitted to enter the country legally, forcing them to slip into the country and operate covertly and under dangerous conditions. How can the foreign media navigate the increasingly blurred line between activism and journalism? Who can foreign journalists trust for credible and truthful information?



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Moderator:
Jim Clancy, anchor and correspondent,
CNN International, USA



Panellists:

Massoud Akko, member, Media Freedoms Committee,
Syrian Journalists Association

Richard Colebourn, senior Middle East producer,
BBC News, Beirut

Kadri Gürsel, columnist, *Milliyet*, Turkey; chair, IPI Turkey
National Committee

15:15 Coffee Break

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15:35 **Session III: "The Case Against Criminal Defamation"**
Ishtar Ballroom

Panellists will argue the case for the abolishment of criminal defamation laws. Even in countries where they are not frequently applied, criminal defamation laws can have an intimidating effect on journalists, often leading to self-censorship. Their continued existence on the books in many developed countries only serves to embolden repressive regimes around the world to use criminal defamation as a tool for silencing criticism and dissent.



Moderator:
Wesley Gibbings, president,
Association of Caribbean Media Workers,
Trinidad and Tobago



Panellists:

Anthony Fargo, director, Center for International Media Law and Policy Studies, School of Journalism, Indiana University, USA

Kwame Karikari, executive director, Media Foundation for West Africa, Ghana

Karinna Moskalenko, human rights lawyer; international advisory board member, Media Legal Defence Initiative, Russia

16:45 **IPI General Assembly**
(for IPI members only)
Ishtar Ballroom

19:30 **Gala Dinner & Awards Ceremony**
King Hussein Club
(traditional/cocktail attire)

Tuesday, May 21, 2013

08:30 Regional Network Meetings

09:30 **Session IV: "A Mounting Toll: Promoting the Safety of Journalists"**
Ishtar Ballroom

An unprecedented 133 journalists were killed at work or as a consequence of their reporting in 2012, the deadliest year on record for journalists worldwide. In Syria alone, at least 31 journalists and eight citizen reporters were killed while covering that country's ongoing conflict. This increase in the death toll underscores the importance of the continuing struggle to promote journalists' safety. How can the consensus for action among both international bodies and civil society be translated into change on the ground? What can media outlets do to promote best safety practices for staff working in dangerous environments?



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European and International Affairs

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and the Doha Centre for Media Freedom



Moderator:
Rodney Pinder, former director,
International News Safety Institute, UK



Panellists:

Karl Bostic, producer, NBC News, UK;
former chief of Baghdad office

May Chidiac, founder and president,
May Chidiac Foundation Media Institute;
former television anchor, Lebanese
Broadcasting Corporation, Lebanon

Anabel Hernández, investigative journalist and writer,
Reforma and *Proceso*, Mexico

Hassan Rachidi, special projects manager, Doha Centre
for Media Freedom; senior producer, Al Jazeera, Qatar

Barbara Wibmer, attaché, Human Rights Department,
Federal Ministry for European and International Affairs,
Austria

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10:30 Coffee Break

11:00 **Session V / A: “Digital Rights and Responsibilities in a Changing World”**
Ishtar Ballroom

Experts in this session will examine the privileges and freedoms of digital users, and the responsibilities that come with them. Topics will include the protection of human rights that allow individuals to access, use, create, and publish digital content; data protection and privacy in the context of the new digital technologies; and intellectual property and copyright in the digital environment.

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Moderator:
Anthony Mills, IPI deputy director



Panellists:

Simon Morrison, copyright public policy manager, Google, UK

Thilo von Trott, director, public affairs and corporate responsibility, Gruner + Jahr, Germany

David Westin, former president and chief executive, NewsRight, USA

11:00 **Session V / B: “Gender Revolution: The Role of Women in Media”**
Jarasia Ballroom

In many countries, the majority of journalism and mass communication graduates are women, leading to an increase in the number of women in the profession. Yet the percentage of women in senior level management positions remains low. How can we promote their advancement? What are the mechanisms for promoting equal representation at the senior level? And can more women in senior editorial positions help improve news coverage of women and related issues?



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Moderator:
Rana Sabbagh, executive director, Arab Reporters for Investigative Journalism; Jordan correspondent, *The Times* (UK); former chief editor, *The Jordan Times*, Jordan



Panellists:

Ezgi Başaran, managing editor, radikal.com.tr; Investigative Reporter, *Radikal*, Turkey

Jumana Ghunaimat, editor-in-chief, *Al-Ghad*, Jordan

Ferial Haffajee, editor-in-chief, *City Press*, South Africa; IPI executive board member

12:00 **Session VI: “Reporting on Religion – How to Reconcile Respect and Press Freedom”**
Ishtar Ballroom

Religion is one of the most complex subjects for journalists to cover, requiring not only accuracy, fairness and balance, but a comprehensive knowledge of a wide range of religious beliefs. What is the future of this specialised beat at a time when journalists in many countries cannot report on religion without fear of persecution, harassment, imprisonment, or even death? How can fair and balanced religion coverage foster intercultural and interreligious understanding, and what kind of reporting fuels intolerance, fear and discrimination?



Moderator:
Maria-Paz Lopez, chair, International Association of Religion Journalists; senior religion writer, *La Vanguardia*, Spain



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Panellists:

Mohammed Haruna, managing director and editor-in-chief, Citizen Communications Ltd; syndicated political columnist, Nigeria

Stephen Pollard, editor, *The Jewish Chronicle*, UK

Jeffrey Sharlet, contributing editor, "Harper's Magazine"; co-founder, "The Revealer: A Daily Review of Religion & Media", Center for Religion and Media, New York University, USA

13:00 Lunch • 2nd floor

14:00 **Session VII: "Internet Regulation – What are the Implications for Democracy and Press Freedom?"**
Ishtar Ballroom

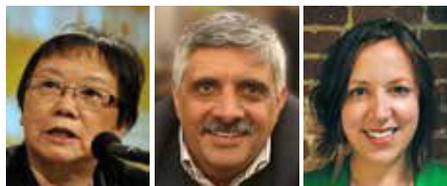
The Internet has become an important tool for exercising the right to freedom of expression, combining the rights to disseminate and receive information. Do calls for greater regulatory control of the Internet threaten freedom of expression and press freedom at a time when almost all media outlets have an online presence, and social media and other Internet-based forms of communication are giving rise to new forms of journalism? Can government attempts to regulate Internet content as well as access to the Internet ever be compatible with the right to freedom of expression?



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Moderator:
Jim Clancy, anchor and correspondent, CNN International, USA



Panellists:

Yuen-Ying Chan, director, Journalism and Media Studies Centre, University of Hong Kong, People's Republic of China

Daoud Kuttab, director general, Community Media Network; founder, AmmanNet, Jordan

Jillian York, director, international freedom of expression, Electronic Frontier Foundation, USA

15:15 Coffee Break

15:45 **Session VIII: "How Media and Governments Can Work Together to Fight Corruption"**
Ishtar Ballroom

While there is often a healthy adversarial relationship between the media and governments, they often also share a common enemy in corrupt practices that undermine societies, economies and progress. This panel will discuss when and how media and governments can work together to fight corruption and also the roles NGOs can play in the fight.



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Moderator:

Brant Houston, John S. and James L. Knight Foundation Chair in Investigative and Enterprise Reporting, College of Media, University of Illinois, USA



Panellists:

Endy Bayuni, chief editor, *The Jakarta Post*, Indonesia

Suzanne Hayden, senior adviser, International Anti-Corruption Academy, Austria

Christoph Wilcke, director, Middle East and North Africa Programme, Transparency International, Germany

10:30 Short Break

17:15 **Closing Ceremony**
Ishtar Ballroom

Presentation of the 2014 IPI World Congress & 63rd General Assembly in South Africa

20:00 Closing Dinner • *Millennium Hotel*

Speakers

Confirmed speakers



His Majesty King Abdullah II ibn Al Hussein

King Abdullah II is the head of state of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan. He ascended the throne on 7 February 1999 upon the death of his father King Hussein. After pursuing advanced studies at Pembroke College, Oxford and Georgetown University in Washington, D.C., then-Prince Abdullah enrolled in the Royal Military Academy at Sandhurst (UK) and was commissioned as second lieutenant in 1981, serving in the British Army in the 13th/18th Royal Hussars Regiment. In 1985, he returned to Jordan to serve in the armed forces, becoming commander of Jordan's Special Forces in 1993. In 1999, King Abdullah II assumed his constitutional powers as monarch.



Massoud Akko Member, Media Freedoms Committee, Syrian Journalists Association

Following a travel ban, several investigations and a pending 3-5 year prison sentence for publishing "false news" in his native Syria, Massoud Akko now lives under asylum in Oslo, Norway. He is a member of the Media Freedoms Committee of the Syrian Journalists Association, having previously worked for the now-defunct Syrian Center for Media and Freedom of Expression (SCM), which was forced to close following the incarceration of its founding director and key officers. Akko has written extensively on human rights and the plight of Kurdish Syrians for the SCM and other groups, which led to his persecution and subsequent asylum.



Ezgi Başaran Managing Editor, radikal.com.tr; Investigative Reporter, *Radikal*, Turkey

Ezgi Başaran is an investigative reporter for the Istanbul-based daily newspaper, *Radikal*. She is also managing editor of the paper's website, radikal.com.tr. Previously, as a reporter for the daily *Hürriyet*, she won the Turkish Society of Journalists award for best investigative journalism. She has reported from Pakistan, North Ossetia, Iraq, Armenia and Iran, and writes a column three times a week, focusing on human rights violations in Turkey, Kurdish and Armenian issues, and women rights. In 2012, she won the Müşerref Hekimoğlu press award, which is given to a female journalist each year.



Endy Bayuni Chief Editor, *The Jakarta Post*, Indonesia

Endy Bayuni was named chief editor of *The Jakarta Post*, Indonesia's leading independent English-language daily, in 2004. He has been with the newspaper since 1991, working his way up from production manager to national editor, managing editor and deputy chief editor. Previously, he worked as the Indonesia correspondent for Reuters and Agence France-Presse. Bayuni received his BA degree in economics from Kingston University, UK, and served as a Nieman Fellow at Harvard University shortly before taking up his post as chief editor.



Alison Bethel McKenzie Executive Director, International Press Institute

Alison Bethel McKenzie has over 30 years of experience in journalism as a reporter, bureau chief, editor and media trainer. From 1995-2000, she was first deputy business editor and then senior assistant city editor in charge of City Hall and urban affairs at *The Boston Globe*. In 2000, she joined *The Detroit News* as features editor, then served as the paper's Washington, D.C. bureau chief from 2001-2006. She joined the *Legal Times* in Washington, D.C. in 2006 as executive editor, and later the *Nassau Guardian*, in the Bahamas as managing director. Before joining IPI, she spent a year in Accra, Ghana, for the Washington, D.C.-based International Center for Journalists, as a Knight International Journalism Fellow, helping Ghanaian journalists improve their reporting skills in the run-up to the 2008 presidential election. While in Ghana, she did a weekly radio programme on media issues and served as managing editor of *Canoe* lifestyle magazine. She has also worked at *The Miami Herald*, *The Los Angeles Times*, *Poughkeepsie Journal* and the now defunct *State Times* in Baton Rouge, Louisiana (USA). Bethel McKenzie has been IPI's executive director for just over two-and-a-half years, serving previously as deputy director.



Karl Bostic Producer, NBC News, UK; former Chief of Baghdad Office

Karl Bostic has worked for NBC News (London bureau) since 1996. His assignments have included field producer, Israel/West Bank/Gaza; field producer, Afghanistan; acting bureau chief, Baghdad; and field producer, Libya/Tunisia. In 2005, he survived a triple suicide bomb attack in Baghdad. He has also reported, produced and edited for NBCNews.com, and edited numerous stories on Syria since March 2011. From 1990-95, he worked as a producer for ABC News in Tokyo, London and Kiev. Bostic was educated at Harvard University (BA in economics) and the John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University (masters of public administration).



Yuen-Ying Chan Director, Journalism and Media Studies Centre, University of Hong Kong

Yuen-Ying Chan is an award-winning journalist who established the University of Hong Kong's Journalism and Media Studies Centre in September 1999. She set up the first professional postgraduate journalism programme in Hong Kong, launched Hong Kong's first fellowships for working journalists and forged extensive ties between HKU and the news industry. Chan's honours include a Nieman Fellowship at Harvard University and a George Polk Award for journalistic excellence. A Hong Kong native, she has also taught at Columbia University's Graduate School of Journalism.



May Chidiac

Founder and President, May Chidiac Foundation Media Institute; former television anchor, Lebanese Broadcasting Corporation, Lebanon

May Chidiac was for many years the main anchor at the Lebanese Broadcasting Corporation (LBC), where she hosted the Lebanese and Middle Eastern political issues-driven talk show, "Bi KolJor'a". Known for her criticism of Syria's political influence over Lebanon – an issue not many people in Lebanon dared talk about – Chidiac nearly lost her life in an assassination attempt in September 2005. The attack was one in a series of bombings targeting Syrian critics in particular. After undergoing treatment and numerous operations in Paris, she returned to Beirut in July 2006 and defiantly reoccupied her post at LBC. On 3 February 2009, in what Lebanon's *Daily Star* defined as a "tearful and impromptu on-air announcement", Chidiac informed viewers that she would be resigning from LBC. In 2010, she was honoured with the IPI World Press Freedom Hero Award.



Jim Clancy

Anchor and Correspondent, CNN International, Atlanta, USA

Jim Clancy has covered the world for CNN International for more than three decades. His career includes reporting on the events that have shaped history over the last quarter century, including the fall of the Berlin Wall, the siege of Beirut, the Rwanda genocide and the Iraq wars. From 1982-96, Clancy was a CNN international correspondent in the Beirut, Frankfurt, Rome and London bureaus. During this time, he won the George Polk award for his reporting on the genocide in Rwanda, the Alfred I. duPont award for coverage of the war in Bosnia and an Emmy award for reporting on the famine and international intervention in Somalia. Based at CNN's world headquarters in Atlanta, he currently anchors "The Brief", an executive summary of the most important international stories of the day. An IPI member, during the Amman World Congress, he will serve as IPI's Chief Moderator.



Richard Colebourn

Senior Middle East Producer, BBC News, Beirut

Richard Colebourn graduated with a bachelor of arts degree in philosophy and economics in 2001. His career in the media industry started as a producer for BBC's *Newsnight* programme, where he worked until 2007. He also worked as a Middle East producer and a Pakistan and Afghanistan producer, until his current post as senior Middle East producer.



Abdullah Ensour

Prime Minister of Jordan

Abdullah Ensour is a Sorbonne-educated economist who assumed the post of prime minister of Jordan in October 2012. A veteran public servant, he has held numerous cabinet positions in Jordanian governments. He also served as governor of Jordan to the World Bank, deputy of Jordan to the International Monetary Fund and deputy delegate to UNESCO. Ensour studied at the American University in Beirut and received his PhD in economics from the Sorbonne.



Anthony Fargo

Director, Center for International Media Law and Policy Studies, School of Journalism, Indiana University, USA

Anthony Fargo is the first director of the Center for International Media Law and Policy Studies and has been an associate professor at the Indiana University School of Journalism since 2004. A former newspaper reporter and copy editor, he focuses his research on media law and policy and media ethics. He is a member of the Indiana Coalition for Open Government and has served as head of the law division of the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication. Fargo obtained his master's degree and PhD in mass communication from the University of Florida.



Jumana Ghunaimat

Editor-in-chief, *Al Ghad*, Jordan

Jumana Ghunaimat is editor-in-chief of *Al Ghad*, an independent Arabic national daily newspaper founded in 2003 and based in Amman. She joined *Al Ghad* in 2008 as director of the economic department and became vice chief editor in 2012. Previously, she worked as a journalist for *Al Rai* newspaper and *Al Sijill* magazine and as a chief correspondent for several Arab newspapers and magazines.



Wesley Gibbings

President, Association of Caribbean MediaWorkers, Trinidad and Tobago

Wesley Gibbings is the president of the Association of Caribbean MediaWorkers, a network made up of journalists, media workers and media associations across the Caribbean basin. Gibbings' background in journalism spans 20 years and includes covering Caribbean public affairs and press freedom activism. Numerous papers on Caribbean media and contributions to several books are included in his publications, as well as editorial management of many technical books and journals, including the "Elections Handbook for Caribbean Journalists" (2009).



Kadri Gürsel

Columnist, *Milliyet*, Turkey; chair, IPI Turkey National Committee

Kadri Gürsel has written a column for the Turkish daily *Milliyet* since 2007. His writing focuses on foreign policy, international affairs, Turkey's Kurdish question and Turkey's evolving political Islam. He joined the *Milliyet* publishing group in 1997 as vice editor-in-chief of the then-newly launched weekly news magazine *Artı-Haber*, and was *Milliyet's* foreign news editor from 1999 until 2008. He was a correspondent for *Agence France-Presse* from 1993 and 1997 and was kidnapped in 1995 by the PKK (Kurdistan Workers' Party), an experience he recounted in his book "Dağdakiler" ("Those of the Mountains") published in 1996. Gürsel is a contributing writer for the news website *Al Monitor.com's* "Turkey Pulse" and is also chairman of the IPI Turkish National Committee.

Speakers



Ferial Haffajee

Editor-in-chief, *City Press*, South Africa; IPI Executive Board Member

Ferial Haffajee was named editor-in-chief of the Johannesburg-based Sunday newspaper *City Press* in July 2009 after a five-year stint as editor of the weekly *Mail & Guardian*. She became the first woman editor of a major South African newspaper in 2004 when she took over the editorship of the *Mail & Guardian*. Previously, she worked at the *Financial Mail* as a senior editor responsible for political reporting and at the South African Broadcasting Corporation (SABC) as a radio producer and television reporter. Haffajee sits on the IPI Board of directors as well as the board of the International Women's Media Foundation. She is also a judge for the CNN African Journalist of the Year Awards.



Mohammed Haruna

Managing Director and Editor-in-chief, Citizen Communications Ltd; Syndicated Political Columnist, Nigeria

Mohammed Kudu Haruna is one of Nigeria's best-known syndicated columnists. From 1997-94, he held several executive positions with New Nigerian Newspapers Limited, including managing director and editor-in-chief. From 1998-99, he was the senior press secretary to the head of state. As a veteran journalist, his work has been recognised by the Nigerian Guild of Editors and the Newspaper Proprietors Association of Nigeria.



George Hawatmeh

President, AWAN, Arab Media Consultants, Jordan

George Hawatmeh is an Amman-based, independent media practitioner. With some 30 years of journalistic experience, he has edited three Jordanian daily newspapers – *Al Ghad*, *Al Ra'i* and the English-language *Jordan Times*, and has also published a monthly magazine. From 2000-2001, he served as director of the Jordan Information Bureau in Washington, D.C. Today, he is the president of AWAN (Arab Media Consultants), a firm he founded in 2007. He is also publisher of www.sahafi.jo, a website dedicated to covering issues facing the Jordanian and Arab media.



Suzanne Hayden

Senior Adviser, International Anti-Corruption Academy, Austria

Suzanne Hayden is an attorney who previously worked as a prosecutor in the U.S. and at the UN Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia, focusing on international financial and trafficking crimes. She currently works as a senior advisor for the International Anti-Corruption Academy, an international organisation established to address deficiencies and provide help for countries seeking to strengthen their anti-corruption regimes. In this capacity, she has designed and hosted "The Power of the Pen" roundtable workshops, focusing on the ethical roles and responsibilities of journalists in conflict areas. Hayden has worked in Russia, Hungary and Turkey, providing legal advice and training on ethics, money laundering and terrorist financing, and has drafted legislation for numerous countries at their request.



Anabel Hernández

Investigative journalist and writer, *Reforma* and *Proceso*, Mexico

Anabel Hernández has published a number of investigative works on corruption and the abuse of power in Mexican politics. She began working for *Reforma* in 1993, but was driven to focus on investigative journalism by the kidnapping and murder of her father in 2000. In 2002, she won the Mexican National Journalism Award for breaking the 'Toallagate' ('Towel Gate') scandal, which exposed the vast public expenditure on the residence of the then-Mexican president, Vicente Fox. In 2003, she was recognised by UNICEF for her work uncovering slave labour networks and the sexual exploitation of Mexican girls on agricultural land in San Diego. Her 2011 book, "Los Señores del Narco" ("The Drug Traffickers"), over which she received death threats, details the complex relationship between organised crime and high-level government, police, military and private sector officials in Mexico.



Brant Houston

John S. and James L. Knight Foundation Chair in Investigative and Enterprise Reporting, College of Media, University of Illinois, USA

Brant Houston teaches investigative and advanced reporting at the department of journalism at the University of Illinois College of Media. He was named chair of investigative and enterprise reporting after more than a decade of experience as executive director of Investigative Reporters and Editors (IRE) and professor at the University of Missouri School of Journalism. Before joining IRE, he spent 17 years as an award-winning investigative reporter at daily newspapers in the U.S. Houston is the author of three editions of the textbook, "Computer-Assisted Reporting: A Practical Guide" and co-author of the 4th and 5th editions of "The Investigative Reporter's Handbook". Currently, he is working on projects involving nonprofit journalism, ethnic media newsrooms, and new technologies for news-gathering.



Kwame Karikari

Executive Director, Media Foundation for West Africa, Ghana

Kwame Karikari is the executive director of the Media Foundation for West Africa (MFWA), an Accra, Ghana-based NGO that covers the 15 countries in the Economic Community of West African States and Mauritania and that engages in media law reform, legal defense of journalists, press freedom monitoring and protection for persecuted journalists. Karikari is also a journalism professor at the University of Ghana and has been involved in training journalists in several African countries. In the early 1980s, he served as director-general of the Ghana Broadcasting Corporation. He was educated at City College and Columbia University, both in New York City.



Daoud Kuttab

Director General, Community Media Network;
Founder, AmmanNet, Jordan

An award-winning Palestinian journalist and media activist, Daoud Kuttab is the director-general of Community Media Network (CMN), a non-profit dedicated to advancing independent media in the Middle East. CMN is registered in both Jordan and Palestine and administers Amman.net and Radio Al Balad. Amman.net, which Kuttab established in 2000, was the Arab world's first Internet radio station. His career in journalism began in 1980, when he started working in Palestinian print media, as well as in the audiovisual field as a documentary producer. In 1995, he co-founded the Arabic Media Internet Network (Amin.org) as a censorship-free Arab website. He founded and headed the Institute of Modern Media at Al Quds University (Jerusalem) from 1996 until 2007. Kuttab is a regular columnist for *The Huffington Post*, Palestine News Network, Al Arabiya.net and *The Jordan Times*. He has been detained by both Palestinian and Israeli authorities because of his press freedom activities and has received a number of international awards, including the IPI World Press Freedom Hero Award in 2000.



Frank La Rue

UN Special Rapporteur on Freedom of Opinion and
Expression

Frank La Rue was named UN Special Rapporteur on Freedom of Opinion and Expression in 2008. He is the founder of the Center for Legal Action for Human Rights, the first Guatemalan NGO to bring cases of human rights violations to the Inter-American Human Rights System, and has been involved in the promotion of human rights for 25 years. La Rue has served as a Guatemalan presidential commissioner for human rights, a human rights adviser to the Guatemalan foreign minister and a consultant to the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights. In 2004, he was nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize.



Maria-Paz Lopez

Chair, International Association of Religion
Journalists; Senior Religion Writer, *La Vanguardia*,
Spain

María-Paz López, chair of the International Association of Religion Journalists, is the senior religion writer of *La Vanguardia*, a Spanish national daily based in Barcelona. She joined the newspaper in 1990 and has held various positions there, including that of media reporter, religion reporter, deputy foreign editor and Italy and Vatican correspondent. During her posting in Rome, she covered the death of John Paul II and the election and first years of Benedict XVI. She has a BA degree in mass communication and journalism from the Autonomous University of Barcelona and an MS in journalism from Columbia University in New York. López is also an editorial board member of *Dialogal*, a quarterly magazine in Catalan about religions and interreligious dialogue.



Nidal Mansour

Executive President, Center for Defending Freedom
of Journalists, Jordan

Nidal Mansour began his career in journalism in 1985 as a reporter in Kuwait, where he worked for two major pan-Arab dailies – *Al-Rai Al A'am* and *Al Qabus*. In 1995, he founded the weekly newspaper *Al Hadath*, and served

as its editor-in-chief. In 2009, he established the online news site, Ain News. Mansour is a recipient of Human Rights Watch's Hellmann-Hammett award for noteworthy efforts to defend press freedom. He is a member of the UNESCO Advisory Group for Press Freedom, established in 1996, and previously served as a jury member of the UNESCO/Guillermo Cano World Press Freedom Prize (2001-2003).



Lina Ben Mhenni

Internet activist and blogger, "A Tunisian Girl",
Tunisia

Lina Ben Mhenni is an Internet activist, blogger and teaching assistant of linguistics at the University of Tunis. Once censored under former president Zine El Abidine Ben Ali's authoritarian regime, Ben Mhenni's blog, "A Tunisian Girl" was considered a "ferocious and revealing encyclopaedia of all things wrong with Tunisian society". She focused in particular on topics like women's rights and press freedom, and subsequently became one of the leading bloggers in the Arab world.



Anthony Mills

Deputy Director, International Press Institute

Anthony Mills spent almost 10 years in Beirut, Lebanon, as a freelance correspondent for CNN, Deutsche Welle, and other news outlets before joining IPI in 2009. He is currently IPI deputy director, a position he was appointed to after overseeing IPI's press freedom activities for almost three years. He holds a bachelor's degree in international relations from Brown University (USA) and a master's degree in international journalism from City University London.



Simon Morrison

Copyright public policy manager, Google, UK

Simon Morrison joined Google in 2007 and is responsible for Google's government relations and public affairs on issues related to copyright and IP (Internet protocol) in Europe, the Middle East and Africa. He also works with arts and journalism organisations in the region on projects promoting online access to cultural works and business opportunities for copyright owners.



Karinna Moskalenko

Human rights lawyer; international advisory board
member, Media Legal Defence Initiative, Russia

Karinna Moskalenko is Russia's leading human rights lawyer and an advisory board member of the UK-based Media Legal Defence Initiative, a non-governmental organisation that provides legal aid and assistance to journalists and independent media outlets around the world. She has taken numerous cases to the European Court of Human Rights in Strasbourg, winning the first ever case against the Russian Federation heard in public hearings at the Court, and has represented a number of high-profile clients, including the family of slain Russian journalist Anna Politkovskaya.

Speakers



Rodney Pinder

former Director, International News Safety Institute (INSI), UK

Rodney Pinder was the founding director of the International News Safety Institute, which was launched in 2003 as a coalition of news organisations, journalist support groups and individuals dedicated to the safety of news media staff working in dangerous environments. A former senior foreign correspondent and news executive for Reuters, he retired in 2002 after four years as global editor of Reuters Television News and more than 20 years covering international affairs in three hemispheres. Pinder has long experience of reporting on conflict, covering wars and civil conflicts in the Middle East, Northern Ireland, Rhodesia/Zimbabwe, South Africa, Indonesia, Iraq and Iran.



Stephen Pollard

Editor, *The Jewish Chronicle*, UK

Stephen Pollard is the editor of *The Jewish Chronicle*, "the oldest continuously published Jewish newspaper in the world". Before taking up leadership of the *Chronicle*, he was a columnist for a number of British newspapers, including *The Times* and the *Daily Mail*. He is a former chairman of the European Institute of the Study of Contemporary Anti-Semitism, and a former president of the Centre for the New Europe, a Brussels-based free market think tank.



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A special projects manager at the Doha Centre for Media Freedom and senior producer for Al Jazeera, Hassan Rachidi previously worked for Radio Netherlands, Orbit Rome and Abu Dhabi TV. As a veteran journalist, Rachidi has covered multiple wars in Somalia, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Sierra Leone and Afghanistan, among others.



Abeer Saady

Vice President, Egyptian Journalists' Syndicate, Egypt

Considered the pioneer of a new Egyptian Media Authority, Abeer Saady is a journalist with over 20 years of experience, covering everything from wars to revolutions. In addition to acting as the vice president of the Egyptian Journalists' Syndicate, Saady plays an active role in the promotion of women's rights in Egypt.



Rana Sabbagh

Executive Director, Arab Reporters for Investigative Journalism; Jordan correspondent, *The Times* (UK); former Chief Editor, *The Jordan Times*, Jordan

Rana Sabbagh is a Jordanian journalist, columnist and media trainer with 28 years of experience in print journalism. A former chief editor of *The Jordan Times* (1999-2001), the first Arab woman to hold such a post, she was a correspondent for Reuters in Jordan and the Gulf from 1987-97 and helped establish Jordan's newest newspaper,

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Charles M. Sennott

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A longtime foreign correspondent for *The Boston Globe*, Charles Sennott served as Middle East bureau chief from 1997-2001 and Europe bureau chief from 2001-2005. His career in journalism began as a contributor to National Public Radio. He moved into print journalism when he became a regional reporter for the *Bergen Record* in New Jersey, and then a special assignment reporter and city editor for the *New York Daily News*, before joining the *Globe* in 1994. Together with Philip S. Balboni, he founded GlobalPost, an online international news agency, in 2009. Based in Boston, Massachusetts, GlobalPost's declared mission is "to redefine international news for the digital age". With correspondents in some 50 countries, GlobalPost offers original daily reporting from every region of the world.



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Ahmed Shihab-Eldin

Host/Producer, HuffPost Live, USA; creator and former co-host, "The Stream", Al Jazeera English

Ahmed Shihab-Eldin is a host/producer for HuffPost Live and has blogged for *The Huffington Post* since 2008. Previously, he worked for Al Jazeera English, the Doha Film Institute and the Doha Tribeca Film Festival. He later worked as a multimedia producer on PBS's documentary series, "Wide Angle", and as a producer for *The New York Times*. Working as a freelance reporter, he has reported from across the United States and around the Arab world, including Lebanon, the UAE, Kuwait, Qatar, Egypt and Jordan. In 2011, he created, produced and co-hosted Al Jazeera English's social media programme, "The Stream", an award-winning interactive talk show, which sources stories from social networks. He graduated from the Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism, where he taught digital media as an adjunct professor. He also advises on master's projects and serves as a digital media consultant for News21, the Carnegie-Knight Initiative on the Future of Journalism Education.



Galina Sidorova

Chair of the Board of Directors, IPI; Chairwoman of the Foundation for Investigative Journalism - Foundation 19/29, Russia

Galina Sidorova is a co-founder of Foundation 19/29, Russia's first NGO dedicated to defending the interests of investigative journalists. She graduated from the journalism faculty of the Moscow Institute for International Relations in 1978 and began working at the *Novoje Vremia* (New Times) newsweekly. Over the next 13 years, she served as a staff writer, political analyst, diplomatic correspondent and member of the editorial board at the publication. During the 1990s, Sidorova worked as political advisor to the Russian foreign minister (1991-95), coordinator for Russia with the Commission on Greater Europe (1992-96) and advisor to the general secretariat of the Foreign Ministry of the Russian Federation (1995-2000). In 2000, she was named vice-president of the Sovershenno Secretno Information & Publishing Group and served as editor-in-chief of the investigative journalism monthly *Sovershenno Secretno* (*Top Secret*) from 2001-2010. She still serves as a special correspondent for the monthly. In 2007, Sidorova was awarded the Russian national annual award for best investigative journalism. She was elected chair of the IPI executive board in 2012 and is only the second woman to hold the position in IPI's 63-year history.



Thilo von Trott

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Thilo von Trott zu Solz is the current head of public affairs and corporate responsibility at Gruner + Jahr, Europe's largest printing and publishing company, with some 285 magazines and newspapers in 22 countries. Von Trott, who holds a doctorate in law, started his career as a corporate attorney and legal counsel for several media companies. Prior to his appointment as head of the public affairs department at Gruner + Jahr, Von Trott was the director of business affairs in the multimedia department.



Laura Weffer Cifuentes

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Laura Weffer Cifuentes began her career as a reporter for the Spanish international news agency EFE in Great Britain, where she covered an array of issues pertinent to Latin America. From 2000-2002, she was chief political editor of the Venezuelan daily *Tal Cual*. From 2002-2011, she worked as an investigative journalist for the daily, *El Nacional*. Currently, she is an investigative reporter for the Venezuelan media company, Cadena Capriles. Weffer Cifuentes holds a mass communication degree from Universidad Católica Andrés Bello in Venezuela and a diploma in world politics from the London School of Economics.



David Westin

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David Westin currently advises NewsRight, an online content-tracking and licensing company, where he previously was president and chief executive. From 1997-2010, he was the president of ABC News. Under his direction, ABC News launched its website, ABCNews.com, started the first 24-hour live streaming news service, ABC News Now, and transformed the ways that it collected, produced and reported the news through extensive use of digital technology. Before taking the helm at ABC News, he was president of the ABC

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Barbara Wibmer

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Christoph Wilcke

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Christoph Wilcke joined Transparency International in 2012. Before that, he worked for Human Rights Watch's Middle East and North Africa division, the International Crisis Group, the International Peace Academy (now Institute), and Save the Children UK. Wilcke has a master of philosophy degree in modern Middle Eastern studies from St. Antony's College, Oxford University. He is a regular contributor to Middle Eastern and international media.



John Yearwood

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John Yearwood has held the position of world editor of *The Miami Herald* since 2003. Previously, he served as national/international editor and assistant city editor for government and politics with the *Fort Worth Star-Telegram*. Before joining the *Star-Telegram* in 1999, Yearwood spent two years in the Caribbean as founding publisher/editor of IBIS, a general lifestyle magazine. Prior to IBIS, he spent 10 years at *The Dallas Morning News*, where he reported from Europe, Africa, Asia and the Caribbean. Yearwood was also a newsman for The Associated Press in Connecticut and Oklahoma, a national correspondent for Focus magazine, and the news/public affairs director for WHUS Radio in Connecticut.



Jillian York

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