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Director's Foreword



Around the world press freedom faced a litany of attacks in 2018, as political leaders unwilling to accept scrutiny increasingly jail, prosecute or undermine the credibility of critical journalists, including through digital means. There is a growing movement, including in countries once seen as guarantors of fundamental rights, aimed at destroying the press as an institution of democracy and deceiving the public about the value and impact of investigative reporting. This atmosphere of intolerance toward independent journalism is putting the lives and freedom of journalists at risk and threatening the public's right to know.

The figures are harrowing: Around 150 journalists were in jail in Turkey at the end of 2018, victims of a mass state crackdown on the free press. Dozens remained behind bars in Egypt. According to IPI's Death Watch, 79 journalists were killed in 2018 globally in connection with their work. Scores of murders from previous years remain mired in impunity, furthering the cycle of violence.

Yet the IPI network, founded in 1950 to promote press freedom as a fundamental right and as an engine of peace, remains as committed as ever to defending the media's right to do its job free from retaliation. We're inspired by the incredible courage of many of our members around the world who continue to produce and defend independent journalism in difficult and often dangerous environments.

So as press freedom comes increasingly under attack, we're doubling down. From Malta to Turkey to the United States, IPI and our members are on the ground, engaging directly with leaders and policymakers in defence of fundamental rights.



Through our reporting, advocacy, missions and events, we're making IPI's collective voice heard and exposing attacks against the press or the failure to address them. Increasingly, we're investing in quality journalism itself and in tools to help remind the public what quality journalism means, and how to recognize it.

We would not be able to carry out our work were it not for our many donors and individual supporters. We're extremely grateful to those who have been with us for many years already as well as those who have recently begun to support us. **Thank you!**

As we close in on IPI's 70th anniversary, we remain as committed as ever to our mission: to defend media freedom and the free flow of news wherever they are threatened.

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 the clearest evidence possible 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.



IPI is a critical voice in the never-ending quest for press freedom and free speech worldwide and in striving to take quality journalism to greater heights.

- Gwen Lister, founder, The Namibian; executive chair, the Namibia Media Trust

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.

How to join IPI

Working in journalism or the media?

Want to be actively involved in promoting media freedom?

○ Here's how you can join us: <https://ipi.media/become-a-member/>



Advocacy and Impact

Ever since IPI was set up in 1950 the network has been engaged in efforts to defend press freedom, protect journalist safety and promote quality journalism. Over the years, IPI has continuously augmented its multi-pronged advocacy approach to address the root causes of threats to media freedom and journalists.

In 2018, IPI carried out impactful work in several spheres of press freedom, including intensive, direct advocacy, widely shared communications campaigns, influential collective actions and comprehensive projects to address new challenges.

IPI's direct advocacy aims to influence the agendas of international and multilateral bodies, and to engage at a high level with governments in countries where press freedom is under threat.

Thought leadership

IPI has emerged as a thought leader in the field of combating online harassment of journalists. Its Ontheline project is the first major project undertaken by any organization to study and analyse online attacks on journalists, the impact on press freedom and safety, and possible remedies. A detailed description of the project is mentioned later in this report.

Similarly, with its **#FreeTurkeyJournalists** campaign, IPI has positioned itself as a bulwark in defending journalists in Turkey, with several high-profile campaigns, innovative projects like **I Subscribe** that helped news organizations facing financial challenges, and the systematic monitoring of trials of journalists in Turkey. IPI's trusted data on press freedom violations and trial monitoring in Turkey supported informed decision-making by the European Union, the European Court of Human Rights and shaped bilateral and multilateral relationships with Turkey. IPI's contribution to supporting independent journalism in Turkey through the ISubscribe campaign was acknowledged in September with the Izmir Journalists' Association's 2018 Press Freedom Award.

IPI conducted a pioneering research project in six European countries examining the dynamics around disinformation and innovative solutions to the problem of "fake news", culminating in a series of reports in January 2018. The first of its kind, the project generated considerable interest amongst stakeholders and IPI was invited to make presentations about it at different fora.

Influencing the agenda

Leveraging its position as a global network, IPI worked closely with the OSCE Representative on Freedom of the Media to shape the latter's campaign to protect the safety of female journalists online, #SOFJO. IPI teamed up with the OSCE RFOM to push for more in-depth research on the problem and involve a wider range of stakeholders,

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statements and reports on press freedom issued in 2018



including policymakers, media houses and the public at large. In collaboration with the OSCE RFOM, IPI also produced and directed a feature length documentary on online attacks against female journalists. The film, **“A Dark Place”**, first premiered in December in Vienna and continues to be screened around the world.

IPI is a partner of the **Council of Europe’s Platform for the Protection of Journalism**, regularly raising alerts on press freedom violations to the Platform and ensuring that concerns are directly taken to Member states. In addition, IPI played a core role in the production of the Platform’s first annual report, “Democracy at Risk”, which was published in January 2019 and provided a stark picture of the worsening environment for the media across Europe, in which journalists increasingly face obstruction, hostility and violence as they investigate and report on behalf of the public. IPI representatives presented the report’s conclusions to the Council of Europe secretary-general as well as MEPs at an event hosted at the European Parliament in Strasbourg in February and testified before the Council of Ministers of the Council of Europe in March.

Catalysing and broadening press freedom initiatives

IPI and its North American National Committee organized the **6th Foreign Editors’ Circle**, bringing together foreign editors from U.S. and Canadian news organizations at The New York Times to discuss the challenges they face.

IPI organized a public event in Berlin on **Turkey’s Media Under Siege: Press Freedom and the Rule of Law in Turkey**, bringing together journalists from Turkey and the legal community in Germany to strengthen public and legal advocacy.

Direct advocacy

IPI’s direct advocacy focuses on interacting with policymakers and government officials to advocate for change.

Press freedom missions: IPI’s most important direct advocacy tool are press freedom missions to countries where journalists are under pressure. In 2018, IPI organized or joined missions to Slovakia, Malta, Serbia, Turkey and the United States, meeting with senior government officials. More details about individual missions are provided on page 11 of the report.

The IPI international Executive Board came together in Bratislava, Slovakia, to stage a public demonstration and express solidarity with Slovak journalists and their campaign to bring the killers of journalist Ján Kuciak and his girlfriend, Martina Kušnírová, to justice. Kuciak and Kušnírová were shot dead as a consequence of Kuciak’s investigations into high-level corruption.

World Congress: IPI successfully took advantage of its World Congress in Abuja, Nigeria, to raise awareness about press freedom concerns and push for change. In 2018, IPI raised the plight of Nigerian journalist Jonas Abiri, who had been imprisoned in Nigeria for over two years without charges. During the Congress inaugural ceremony, IPI asked Nigerian President Muhammadu Buhari to intervene and secure Abiri’s release. The government initially resisted the release claiming that Abiri was not a journalist. However,



after Nigerian media published evidence to the contrary, Abiri was released after a few weeks.

Another major impact was the acquittal of Angolan journalist Rafael Marques de Morais, who received the 70th Press Freedom Hero Award. Marques faced up to four years in prison for insult after investigating a real-estate transaction involving the country's former attorney general. He was unexpectedly acquitted weeks after receiving the award.

Throughout the year IPI monitored press freedom issues across the globe and raised the violations at appropriate levels to seek redress. IPI brought concerns directly to international bodies such as the Council of Europe, the African Commission on Human and People's Rights, the League of Arab States as well as to individual governments.

In 2018, IPI issued 241 statements and in-depth analytical reports on press freedom issues.

IPI's statements have had major impact in several countries. In Pakistan, media organizations were approached by ambassadors of various countries offering support to pressure the government after IPI issued a statement demanding that the government stop harassment of media houses and journalists.

In Malawi, the government reopened the offices of the Times Group, which had been sealed over flimsy charges of non-payment of taxes, after IPI issued a statement and spoke with the information minister.



Our Campaigns

#FreeTurkeyJournalists

We continued to campaign for our jailed colleagues in Turkey, where some 157 journalists remain behind bars at the end of 2018, most of whom are charged with terrorist offences in connection with their journalistic work. We regularly travelled to Turkey to monitor journalists' trials, including those of several IPI members, and actively advocated with the Turkish authorities and European and international institutions to secure their release. Our work keeps Turkey's violations of fundamental rights in the international spotlight and lets the country's journalists know that they are not alone.

Website: <https://freeturkeyjournalists.ipi.media>

#JusticeforJan

In November 2018, IPI's Executive Board, made up of 24 leading editors and journalists from 21 countries, held its semi-annual meeting in Bratislava to mark International Day to End Impunity for Crimes against Journalists and to demand justice for the murder of journalist Ján Kuciak in February. Board members paid a solidarity visit to the memorial for Kuciak and his fiancée in Bratislava. The visit was widely covered in international media reports and contributed to keeping pressure on Slovak authorities.

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jailed
journalists in
Turkey as of
December
2018



Members of the IPI Executive Board gather at a memorial for slain Slovak journalist Ján Kuciak in Bratislava, November 2, 2018

I Subscribe

Together with a coalition of freedom of expression organizations we launched the “**I Subscribe**” campaign, which encourages readers from around the world to subscribe to Turkey’s few remaining independent newspapers as a gesture of support. The campaign initially featured the secular daily Cumhuriyet but later expanded to include other outlets with diverse backgrounds and editorial lines.

Website: <https://www.isubscribe.media>



#PressEgypt

IPI launched its #PressEgypt campaign in 2018, which calls on the authorities in Egypt to release some two dozen journalists behind bars and ensure that all of the country’s journalists can do their jobs freely and without fear. The campaign highlighted the plight of jailed journalists and engaged directly with policymakers in Egypt and regional institutions such as the Arab League and the African Union.

Website: <https://ipi.media/pressegypt>



*#PressEgypt
Campaign Postcards*

Press Freedom Missions

United States

(January 15 - 17)

Marking one year after the inauguration of Donald Trump as president of the United States, IPI North American Committee Chair (IPI-NAC) Marty Steffens and then-IPI Executive Board Chair John Yearwood travelled across the U.S. (Missouri, Illinois and Texas) with representatives of other press freedom organizations (CPJ, Article 19, IFEX and RSF) to document attacks on the press.

Steffens and Yearwood then lobbied in Washington to encourage House and Senate support for a free and unrestricted support of the media. The mission found that journalists in the Midwest were getting pushback from local and state officials for engaging in “fake news” and that there are still border issues with international journalists entering the US.

Serbia

(January 18-19)

Following concerns about the state of media freedom in Serbia expressed by both Serbian journalists and media organizations as well as international organizations and institutions, an international joint fact-finding mission comprised of representatives from IPI, the European Federation of Journalists (EFJ) and the South East Europe Media Organisation (SEEMO) visited Serbia from Jan. 18 to 19, 2018.

The joint mission met and interviewed a large number of stakeholders, including journalists and editors from a wide spectrum of print, broadcast and electronic media outlets; academics and civil society actors; and Serbian government officials, most notably President Aleksandar Vučić.

The mission revealed a number of substantial challenges for the promotion of a free, independent and pluralist media environment in Serbia.

● Webpage: <https://ipi.media/groups-launch-recommendations-following-serbia-mission>



Members of an international press freedom mission to Serbia in January 2018 urged respect for the country's press council, among other recommendations

Malta (October 16)

IPI joined five other international press freedom groups for a three-day mission to Malta in October marking the one-year anniversary of the murder of journalist Daphne Caruana Galizia.

After meeting with senior government officials, including Prime Minister Joseph Muscat, Minister for Justice, Culture and Local Government Owen Bonnici, and Attorney General Peter Grech, the group said that the visit had failed to “assuage doubts” about the lack of progress in the investigation since the arrest of three alleged hitmen in December 2017.

“**The government did not indicate any urgency toward completing the investigation and officials offered no information on when they expected it to be completed.**”

In addition to conversations with top Maltese officials, the mission also met with a wide range of journalists and civil society representatives to understand their views about the atmosphere for journalism and the rule of law in Malta following Caruana Galizia’s assassination on October 16, 2017. The groups also monitored hearings in defamation lawsuits that continue posthumously against Caruana Galizia.

The mission included representatives from IPI, the Committee to Protect Journalists (CPJ), the European Centre for Press and Media Freedom (ECPMF), the European Federation of Journalists (EFJ), PEN International, and Reporters Without Borders (RSF).



Members of an international press freedom mission to Malta at a moment of silence for Daphne Caruana Galizia in Bidnija, Malta, on October 16, 2018.

Turkey (December 5 - 7)

Between December 5 and 7, 2018 an IPI delegation led by Executive Board Chair Markus Spillmann met with representatives of the Turkish Ministry of Justice and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs as well as the heads of the opposition parties CHP and HDP, foreign diplomats, and local journalists and members of civil society in Ankara and Istanbul.

The mission focused on the ongoing media crackdown in Turkey, which has seen the shuttering of nearly 170 media outlets since the failed coup attempt in 2016. IPI urged Turkey to release the journalists currently held in prison and drop criminal charges against them, which are in serious breach of European and international standards and represent an abuse of the country's anti-terrorism laws beyond their legitimate purpose.

In meetings with government representatives, the IPI delegation received firm assurances that Turkey highly valued international human rights mechanisms, in particular the European Convention on Human Rights and the European Court of Human Rights (ECtHR), and that officials understood the ECtHR's case law as binding on the country's judiciary.



Government representatives have assured us that Turkey is committed to free speech, basic human rights and the rule of law. Those assurances will only be meaningful when Turkey stops jailing more journalists than any other country in the world, when the justice system is demonstrably fair, and when journalists feel free to ask hard questions of those in power, without fearing for their jobs and their freedom.

- Sandy Bremner, IPI member and former BBC Scotland Managing Editor who participated in the IPI mission

- A mission report entitled **'Progress Arrested'** was published and shared with all the stakeholders.

Slovakia (December 6)

IPI undertook several high-level visits to Slovakia in 2018. In October, IPI Executive Board Chair Markus Spillmann led an IPI delegation to meet with Slovak President Andrej Kiska to push for progress in the investigation into the murder of journalist Ján Kuciak.

In December, IPI led a group of nine partner organizations and observers of the Council of Europe's Platform for the Protection of Journalism and Safety of Journalists on a press freedom solidarity mission intended to raise further pressure on the Slovak authorities to ensure that the Kuciak investigation did not end in impunity. The delegation – comprising IPI, the Association of European Journalists (AEJ), the Committee to Protect Journalists (CPJ), the European Federation of Journalists (EFJ), Free Press Unlimited, Index on Censorship, International News Safety Institute (INSI), PEN International and the Rory Peck Trust as well as representatives from the Council of Europe's Platform for the Protection of Journalism and Safety of Journalists – met with officials of the Interior Ministry and the Presidium of the Police Force to monitor the progress of the investigation into the assassination.



The delegation also visited the office of Aktuality.sk to learn more about the climate for press freedom and the safety of journalists in Slovakia following Kuciak's assassination

Featured Projects

Investigative Journalism for Europe Fund (#IJ4EU)

The Investigative Journalism for Europe (IJ4EU) fund was launched in March as a joint initiative by IPI and the European Centre for Press and Media Freedom (ECPMF) with the objective of fostering and strengthening investigative journalism collaborations that reflected the media's watchdog role. In total, the IJ4EU inaugural call provided €341,000 to 12 EU-based investigative projects, thanks to our primary donor for this project, the European Commission, and to an additional contribution from the Fritt Ord Foundation.

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investigative
projects in EU



The fact alone that the IJ4EU grant exists is a blessing both for journalists who wish to conduct thorough investigations, as well as societies who benefit from investments in journalistic work.

Investigative team working on the project "Failed Child Services in Greece and Cyprus"

The 12 projects carried out under this grant involved journalists from 22 EU states. Projects also included journalists from non-EU countries Russia, Belarus, Ukraine, Serbia, and Switzerland, while research was also conducted in states such as Mali, Senegal and Niger, reflecting the importance of reaching beyond EU borders to cover topics of importance to the EU.

The investigations resulted in over 130 articles, published in 21 languages and in 45 respected news outlets including Süddeutsche Zeitung, ARD, WDR, Die Zeit, Spiegel Online, Le Monde, The Guardian, Reuters, Al Jazeera UK, The Intercept, La Repubblica, L'Espresso, La Vanguardia, Der Standard, OCCRP, BuzzFeed, Politico and Business Insider.

Funded projects covered a vast range of topics in the public interest including corruption, misuse of EU funding, artificial intelligence, child abuse, migrants' rights, espionage, climate change denial and militarism.

Further details regarding individual projects are available on the programme's website.

Website: <http://www.ij4eu.net>



OnTheLine

IPI's **OnTheLine** initiative seeks to expose and counter online harassment of journalists and offer possible solutions to this growing threat to press freedom and the free flow of news and information.

In 2018, thanks to a grant from the Adessium Foundation, IPI was able to greatly expand its work in this area by beginning development of an online resource platform of best practices for European newsrooms to shield journalists from the effects of online harassment.

In the initial field-based data-gathering phase, IPI researchers compiled measures and recommendations based on conversations with 110 editors, journalists and media experts as well as visits to 45 leading newsrooms in Europe, including the BBC, The Guardian, Reuters, German public broadcaster ARD and Spain's El País.

Measures in the form of descriptions, video interviews and links to relevant reports and outside resources cover four principal areas:

- pre- and post-moderation for both on-site comments and social media posts;
- newsroom structures and mechanisms to promote a culture of safety around online abuse;
- protocols for assessing and responding to attacks; and
- roles and responsibilities of newsroom actors involved in these areas.

Website: <https://ipi.media/programmes/ontheline>



Sarah Ward-Lilley

Managing Editor
BBC News, UK

Interviewing BBC Managing Editor Sarah Ward-Lilley on newsrooms measures to address online harassment against journalists

With the support of the Office of the OSCE Representative on Freedom of the Media and its #SOFJO initiative (Safety of Female Journalists Online - SOFJO), the project expanded

to also include tracking specific threats to female journalists and raising awareness about gender-based attacks through a variety of multimedia content.

IPI supported the #SOFJO campaign and, together with the OSCE Representative on Freedom of the Media, pushed for more comprehensive research on the topic and engagement of a wide audience, including policy makers, media houses and everyday citizens, in finding solutions to the problem. As part of the #SOFJO project, IPI teamed up with the Office of the OSCE RFoM to produce a feature-length documentary film on the harassment of female journalists (see page 27 under “Events”).



Video message from OSCE Representative on Freedom of the Media Harlem Désir and IPI Executive Director Barbara Trionfi

#V4PressFreedom

IPI is closely tracking threats to press freedom in the Visegrád region and working with local journalists to offer in-depth analysis of the situation in the Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland and Slovakia.

Throughout 2018 IPI continued to publish analyses of developments related to press freedom and independent journalism in the region thanks to its network of correspondents. While in some cases necessarily covering high-profile examples of individual attacks on press freedom, these analyses focused on describing and exposing systematic threats to independent journalism in the region that are often hidden or obscured behind a veil of deniability.

Examples:

Czech Republic

- In-depth: The battle for Czech public media <https://goo.gl/Ks5Bce>

Hungary

- As elections loom, stakes are raised for Hungarian media <https://goo.gl/zChY6r>
- After Orbán election victory, critical media takes another big hit in Hungary <https://goo.gl/vdshu7>
- Hungary: Critical TV broadcaster purchased by Orbán ally <https://goo.gl/DsY2g2>



- One Hungarian media monster to rule them all <https://goo.gl/qdCE1Q>

Slovakia

- Management purging Slovak public broadcaster of experienced journalists <https://goo.gl/JMAewp>
- Purchase of Slovak daily Pravda signals conspiracy site's big ambitions <https://goo.gl/u3U9eK>
- IPI welcomes Slovak president's commitment to justice in Kuciak murder <https://goo.gl/WLDkuH>
- Groups press for changes to protect journalist safety in Slovakia <https://goo.gl/QN74jb>
- Slovak journalist sentenced to three years in prison for defamation <https://goo.gl/pMN6v5>
- Despite murdered journalist, verbal attacks on media continue in Central Europe <https://goo.gl/msvLAz>

Poland

- Politics, gender key triggers for online abuse in Poland <https://goo.gl/xExk6f>
- Satire journalist faces jail for 'insulting Polish nation' <https://goo.gl/LLfWV4>
- Grants for Polish periodicals raise fears of political bias <https://goo.gl/6Tjfo6>
- VIDEO: Leading Polish editor on 'orchestrated' troll campaigns <https://goo.gl/xExk6f>
- In Poland, media coverage of mayor's killing underscores polarization <https://goo.gl/3jb8Vm>
- Press freedom in Poland under pressure at year's end <https://goo.gl/41GTTt>

- Website: <https://ipi.media/v4pressfreedom>

Contending with “Fake News”

IPI's reporting project Contending with “Fake News” examined the particular dynamic around the “fake news” debate in five EU countries, offering a look at the sources, styles and goals of disinformation in each country as well as the extent to which that debate has affected public discourse, politics and press freedom.

The series of articles published in 2018 also profiles five initiatives (in five countries: Austria, Czech Republic, Finland, Spain, Poland) that have adopted innovative solutions to addressing disinformation and building trust in fact-based journalism and that could potentially serve as models for similar efforts elsewhere.

This project was supported by the European Commission and the Helsingin Sanomat Foundation.

- Website: <https://ipi.media/contending-with-fake-news/>



#FreeTurkeyJournalists: Promoting and Protecting Freedom of the Media and the Rule of Law in Turkey

Throughout 2018 IPI consistently catalogued press freedom violations and the continuing breakdown of the rule of law in Turkey, becoming the global point of reference on press freedom in Turkey.

IPI's regular monitoring and coverage of the dire state of media freedom in Turkey – in the form of articles, videos and advocacy statements, many of which are available in three languages (English, Turkish and German) – are housed on a dedicated website: <https://freeturkeyjournalists.com/>

The website includes IPI's Turkey Trials Calendar, which contains the location and date of all upcoming journalist trials in Turkey, as well as a brief overview of each case and the charges brought. Over the past year, IPI published a weekly calendar of upcoming trials on social media, linking to the trial monitoring calendar, so as to ensure continued global awareness of the situation in Turkey.

○ Webpage: <https://freeturkeyjournalists.ipi.media/trials-calendar>

In 2018, IPI initiated the publication of a special series on press freedom and the realities of practising journalism in today's Turkey, written by those most directly affected: Turkey's journalists and those who defend them. The series, including contributions from leading Turkish and Kurdish journalists, lawyers and human rights experts, is available on IPI's website in both English and Turkish.

○ Webpage: <https://freeturkeyjournalists.ipi.media/dispatches/>

IPI worked with international partners to raise international awareness of the plight of Turkey's jailed journalists. Advocacy focuses included Kurdish journalist Nedim Türfent, who was sentenced to nearly a decade in prison for his photojournalism and who was the victim of egregious due process violations.

○ Webpage: <https://freeturkeyjournalists.ipi.media/ipi-to-jailed-journalist-nedim-turfent-stay-strong/>

In cooperation with the Turkey-based freedom of expression and legal organization MLSA (Media Law Studies Association), IPI also carried out an extended **trial monitoring programme** to analyse the extent to which Turkish courts uphold the basic rights of journalists. In 2018 the monitoring found:

- Journalists are charged with, mainly, violations of anti-terror law (and, to a lesser degree, defamation-related offences) for which prosecutors routinely produce no evidence other than the defendants' journalistic work.
- Journalists who are the targets of criminal prosecution face severe violations of their rights to personal freedom and a fair trial according to domestic and international human rights law. These violations include: the detention of journalists despite a lack of official charges or indictments; indictments that fail to meet legal



requirements or provide sufficient supporting evidence; lengthy pre-trial detention periods in cases in which it is clear from the evidence that the defendants were exercising their right to freedom of expression; denying defendants the right to appear in court in person or to access legal counsel; the slow pace at which the judiciary functions and the lengthy adjournments in cases involving journalists; and the failure of judicial panels to hold private deliberations as required by law.

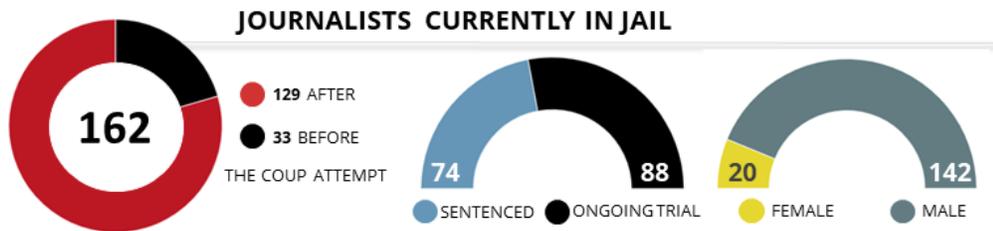
More about our work in Turkey under "Events", "Advocacy" and "Missions".

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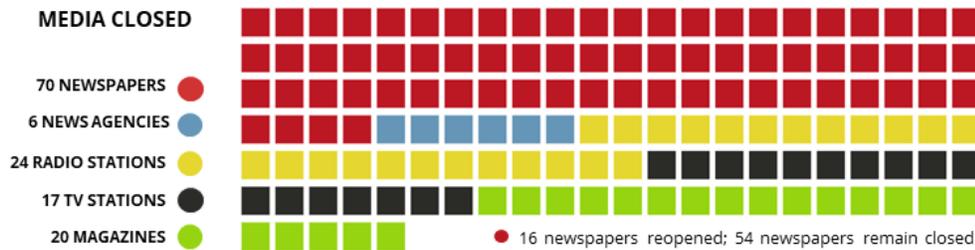
#Free Turkey Journalists

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IPI's WORK IN TURKEY



175 TRIALS monitored via the IPI Trials Calendar www.freeturkeyjournalists.ipi.media/trials-calendar

54 TRIALS of those were physically attended and observed in the courtroom by our team

82 ARTICLES, STATEMENTS, REPORTS, PROTEST LETTERS published in three languages 🇺🇸 🇩🇪 🇬🇷



IPI Death Watch and the Fight Against Impunity

2018: A Dark Year for Press Freedom

As many as 79 journalists were killed around the world in relation to their work in 2018, according to IPI's Death Watch: 63 were killed in direct retaliation for their work, while 10 died covering armed conflict and six died while on assignment. Mexico and Afghanistan were the deadliest countries for journalists with 13 deaths each.

Impunity for crimes against journalists remained at a shockingly high level in 2018. The vast majority of journalist killings continue to go unsolved. Prominently, Saudi Arabia has refused to hold those responsible for the gruesome murder of Saudi journalist Jamal Khashoggi to account, while Maltese authorities have failed to make progress in identifying the mastermind(s) behind the 2017 car bombing that killed investigative journalist Daphne Caruana Galizia.



Governments around the world are dragging their feet in investigating murders of journalists. Investigations in a large number of cases are slow and tardy, due in many cases to a lack of political will to bring the perpetrators to justice.

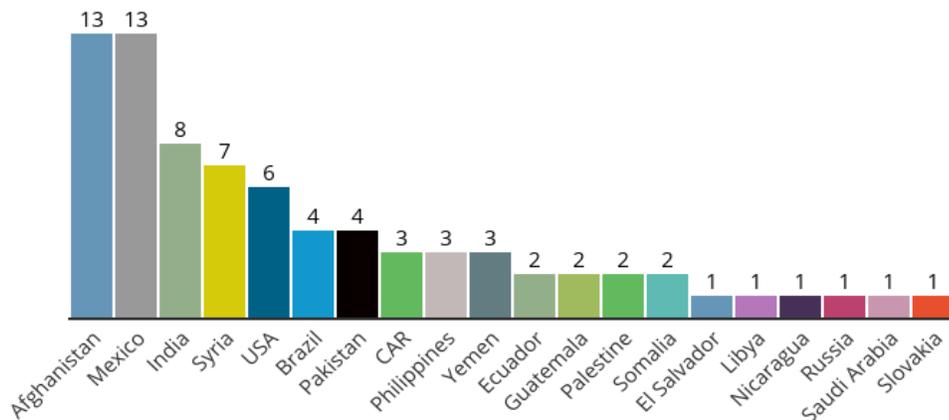
- Ravi R. Prasad, IPI Director of Advocacy

The fight against impunity remains a fundamental goal of IPI's mission. Unless those who attack journalists are held to account, the cycle of violence will continue. Impunity remained a core focus of IPI's activities, with impunity-related events in Malta, Slovakia, Serbia, Sri Lanka and Turkey as well as dedicated conversations to solving impunity at the IPI World Congress and World Press Freedom Day. On International Day to End Impunity, November 2, the IPI global Executive Board assembled in Bratislava, Slovakia to push states to honour their commitments on stopping impunity.

79
journalists
killed in 2018



- CASES UNDER REVIEW
- TARGETED DUE TO WORK
- COVERING CONFLICT
- KILLED ON ASSIGNMENT



Website: <https://ipi.media/programmes/death-watch/>



IPI Awards 2018

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.

In 2018, in partnership with IMS, IPI honoured Angolan anti-corruption journalist **Rafael Marques** as its 70th World Press Freedom Hero and trailblazing Philippine news website **Rappler** as the 2018 Free Media Pioneer. Both awards were presented at a special ceremony at the 2018 IPI World Congress in Abuja, Nigeria.



Marques has braved decades of harassment and prosecution to expose corruption and human rights abuses in Angola. He was prevented from travelling to Nigeria due to a court case in which he was accused of insulting Angola's former attorney general in an article scrutinizing murky real-estate transactions. Marques was acquitted of all charges in early July.

Rappler, a Philippine news website founded in January 2012, was awarded in recognition of its innovative approach to journalism and audience engagement as well as its determination to hold authorities accountable despite aggressive attacks on its operations. Initially distinguishing itself by embracing crowdsourcing, citizen journalism and social media, Rappler has since grown into one of the Philippines's most popular and effective investigative journalism outlets, providing critical coverage of the administration of President Rodrigo Duterte, who has presided over a deadly war on drug users and attacked the rule of law.

Rappler Managing Editor and Co-Founder Glenda Gloria accepted the award in person at the ceremony in Abuja.





This is for everyone all over the world who has continued to do good journalism despite being harassed, jailed and having their work hijacked by algorithms

- Glenda Gloria, Rappler managing editor and co-founder

Marques called the award a “gift of hope that many Angolans are celebrating as their own triumph over the entrenched power of (the country’s) bandits”. He added, “This award is not for me. It mirrors the hopes of many Angolans that changes will not come simply from political decision-making, but from a growing awareness amongst and stand from civil society.”



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- Rafael Marques, Angolan anti-corruption journalist

● Read more about Rafael Marques and his work at <https://ipi.media/rafael-marques-hero-award-mirrors-hope-of-angolans-for-change/>

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

● More about 2018’s winners <https://ipi.media/rafael-marques-rappler-honoured-at-ipi-world-congress/>



IPI World Congress

(Abuja, Nigeria, 21 - 23 June)

Our IPI World Congress in Abuja, Nigeria – the first Congress in our 68-year history held in West Africa – was a resounding success. The 2018 theme was “Why Good Journalism Matters”. Panels and presentations debated methods of connecting audiences to investigative work, approaches to overcoming the crisis of trust in journalism driven by governmental hostility, journalism safety, surveillance and “fake news”.

Outcomes and impact of the 2018 IPI World Congress

The Congress was organized in partnership with 30 Nigeria-based news organizations, journalists, editors and publishers’ associations, as well as civil society organizations active in the defence of press freedom and journalism safety.

Thanks to the support of partners such as Konrad Adenauer Foundation, MacArthur Foundation Nigeria, UNESCO Nigeria, IMS and Free Press Unlimited, IPI was able to provide support for more than 40 journalists, reporters, TV anchors and radio broadcasters from different regions in Nigeria, to attend the Congress.

The Congress included the direct participation of high-level Nigerian government representatives: President Muhammadu Buhari, Minister of Information and Culture Lai Mohammed, Senate President Abubakar Bukola Saraki and Muhammed Musa Bello, Minister for the Federal Capital Territory.

Participants highlighted the imprisonment of Nigerian journalist Jones Abiri, attracting public attention to the case and calling for government action to clarify the reason for his reported long-term detention without trial. Minister of Information and Culture Lai Mohammed expressed his commitment to IPI to look into the case. Abiri was freed just weeks later.

330

participants
at the
IPIWoCo
2018



Congress participants also stood up in solidarity with journalists imprisoned all over the world

Over 100 journalists from Nigeria and elsewhere had the opportunity to attend Congress workshops and further develop their journalistic skills. Workshop topics included: Online Safety for Journalists, presented by Facebook; Covering Elections, organized in cooperation with International Media Support (IMS), UNESCO Regional office, Abuja and the Nigerian Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC); Surveillance of

Journalists, offered by Free Press Unlimited (FPU); and Gender Diversity in the Newsroom, organized in cooperation with FPU and Africa Media Initiative (AMI).

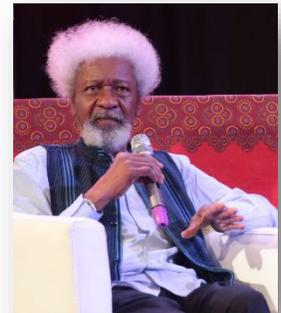


The IPI World Congress is the gathering of those who have chosen to join hands to fight against anybody who wants to silence the press. - Barbara Trionfi, IPI Executive Director

IPIWoCo2018 Highlights



Nobel-Prize-winning poet and playwright **Wole Soyinka**, known for his defence of human rights and democracy in his native Nigeria, spoke eloquently at the gala dinner on June 22. Outspoken, direct and highly critical, Soyinka said his country could achieve 70 percent press freedom “in a couple of years, if we don’t count the grey areas” involving “submission to pressure of which the public is not aware”. Read more [here](#)



This year’s IPI World Press Freedom Hero, Angolan anti-corruption journalist **Rafael Marques de Morais**, and Free Media Pioneer, the pathbreaking Philippine news website **Rappler**, were honoured at a special ceremony during the Congress.

Renowned Ghanaian undercover investigative reporter **Anas Aremeyaw Anas** spoke about his journalistic investigations and his “name, shame and jail” approach to journalism, which includes cooperation with law enforcement authorities to ensure that criminals are successfully prosecuted. More [here](#)

The Congress also offered an opportunity for local journalists to meet and interview some of the most respected media personalities from around the world. Similarly, international guests were able to learn about socio-political developments in Nigeria and Africa.



*IPIWOCO Town Hall Meeting:
(from left to right)
Khadija Patel, SA Mail &
Guardian,
David Jordan, BBC,
Glenda Gloria, Rappler
Kadaria Ahmed, Daria Media
Nigeria
John Daniszewski, AP
Mostefa Souag, Al-Jazeera;
June 22, Abuja*

Website: <https://ipi.media/ipi-world-congress-2018>



Other Events

(organized by or in cooperation with IPI)

Foreign Editors Circle (New York City, May 14)

Nearly three dozen foreign and international editors from leading news agencies and print, broadcast and online news media organizations in the U.S. and Canada gathered on May 14, 2018 at the offices of The New York Times for the sixth edition of IPI's Foreign Editors Circle. The Foreign Editors Circle was established in 2013 by IPI North American Committee (IPI-NAC) as a venue for foreign editors in the U.S. and Canada to discuss issues of mutual concern and establish common standards. The 2018 meeting included a focus on the growing threat of online harassment, including through the use of state-sponsored bots and trolls.

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Foreign
Editors
Circles
organized
since 2013



*6th Foreign Editors Circle
at the headquarters of The
New York Times on May
14, 2018*

Turkey's Media Under Siege: Press Freedom and the Rule of Law in Turkey (Berlin, November 28)

IPI, in partnership the German newspaper Die Welt, held a networking event and series of panel discussions on November 28, 2018 in Berlin with leading lawyers, journalists and human rights activists from Turkey and Europe.



The event analysed the current situation of press freedom in Turkey following the end of emergency rule in summer 2018. Panellists – mainly top journalists and lawyers from Turkey – examined the media crackdown and the breakdown of the rule of law from their first-person perspectives in Turkey. They also analysed the role that Turkey's international partners, especially the European Union and Germany, can play in protecting fundamental rights in Turkey. The event also served as a networking platform to further strengthen relationships of solidarity between the journalistic and legal communities in Germany and Turkey, and Europe at large.



IPI's day-long event in Berlin in November brought together journalists from Europe and Turkey, legal experts and other stakeholders to raise the issue of censorship, media capture and prosecution of journalists.

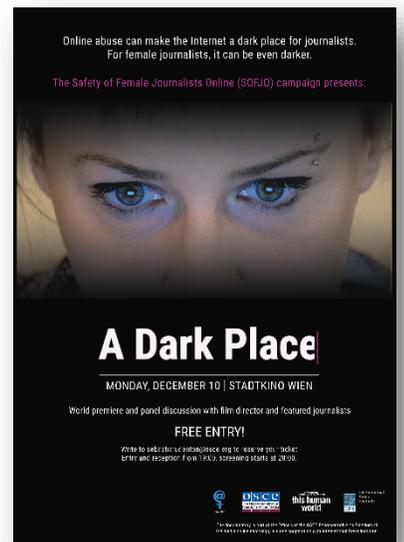
Film premiere of 'A Dark Place' (Vienna, December 10)

More than 300 people attended the premiere in Vienna of IPI's new documentary film "A Dark Place", produced in cooperation with the OSCE Representative on Freedom of the Media as part of the OSCE's #SOFJO (Safety of Female Journalists Online) campaign.

The documentary examines online harassment and threats directed at women journalists and its impact on press freedom, democracy and the public's right to diverse, pluralistic sources of information.

“ **Critical journalists in Turkey have been accused of being traitors for some time now. But if you're a female journalist, then in addition to being a traitor, you become a bitch, you become a whore, you become someone who should get raped and murdered.**

- Banu Güven, prominent Turkish journalist, in the film



The documentary features interviews with top journalists and experts in the fields of human rights and media freedom and was filmed over several months in Austria, Finland, Russia, Serbia, Spain, Turkey, the UK and the U.S.

The premiere of "A Dark Place" was followed by a panel discussion with the film director, IPI's Javier Luque, and several journalists including Arzu Geybullayeva (Azerbaijan), Banu Güven (Turkey), Evdokia Moskvina (Russia), Linda Pelkonen (Finland) and Marija Vučić (Serbia).

○ Trailer: <https://ipi.media/documentary-film-a-dark-place>



The documentary premiered at the international human rights film festival "This Human World" in Vienna on December 10.

70 Years of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights **(Vienna, December 10)**

To mark the 70th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, IPI organized a special discussion in Vienna focusing on media freedom as a fundamental right underpinning the protection of all other civil liberties. The event "**The Freedom to Seek, Receive and Impart Information Regardless of Frontiers: A United Europe for Human Rights**" was organized together with the Human Rights Office of the City of Vienna, the European Parliament, the European Commission, Polis – the Austrian Centre for Citizenship Education in Schools, the Vienna School Council and Ludwig Boltzmann Institute of Human Rights.

Honours, Speaking Engagements and Visits

Free European Media 2018 (Gdansk, Poland, Feb. 15 - 16)

IPI supported the first Free European Media conference in Gdansk, Poland, organized by the European Federation of Journalists and the Council of Europe. The conference included a conversation with Nobel Peace Prize winner and former Polish President Lech Wałęsa. IPI Deputy Director Scott Griffen took a part in the conference as the keynote speaker on the panel “How legislation violates media freedom”. Other topics discussed included media and politics in conflict in Europe, keeping new media and independent journalism free from state control, the latest media developments in Poland, pluralism and democracy, and legislation and media freedom-

40th Anniversary of the Samoa Observer (Apia, Samoa, August 24)

IPI travelled to the Pacific island state of Samoa to honour the 40th anniversary of the Samoa Observer, the leading independent news outlet in Samoa. The newspaper’s founder and editor, Savea Sano Malifa, is a long-time IPI member and one of IPI’s World Press Freedom Heroes. The celebration, at which IPI Deputy Director Scott Griffen delivered an address on behalf of the IPI network, was also attended by Samoa’s prime minister and other high-level Samoan officials as well as representatives of the diplomatic community.



IPI Deputy Director Scott Griffen arrives in Apia, Samoa



IPI awarded Izmir Press Freedom Prize (Karşıyaka, Turkey, September 7)

IPI was honoured to receive the 2018 Press Freedom Prize given by the İzmir Journalists Association and the Mayorship of Karşıyaka for our work to protect press freedom and independent journalism in Turkey. The award specifically recognized IPI's **I Subscribe campaign**, which encourages readers around the world to subscribe to Turkey's independent media. The award was accepted by IPI Executive Board member and IPI Turkey National Committee Chair Kadri Gürsel at a ceremony on September 7.

“Solidarity is the only thing that keeps Turkish journalism going at the moment. This prize is important for this reason”

Kadri Gürsel, accepting the award on behalf of IPI



Kadri Gürsel accepts the Izmir Journalists Association Press Freedom Prize on behalf of IPI, joined by Misket Dikmen, president of the Izmir Journalists Association, and Hüseyin Mutlu Akpınar, mayor of Karşıyaka Municipality.

Colombo Declaration Symposium (Colombo, Sri Lanka, September 27 - 29)

IPI Director of Advocacy Ravi R. Prasad participated in an international symposium to mark the 20th anniversary of the 1998 Colombo Declaration on Media Freedom and Social Responsibility in Colombo, Sri Lanka, organized by the Sri Lanka Press Institute (SLPI). IPI supported the launch of the 1998 Declaration, a document that has guided “the SLPI and its constituent partners on outstanding media issues during the past two decades”. The event included a discussion on updating the 1998 document. Prasad addressed the symposium on the issue of journalist safety.

IPI last travelled to Sri Lanka on a press freedom mission in 2015 and has continued to provide in-depth coverage of press freedom challenges in the country.



Nordic Media Festival (Bergen, Norway, May 2 - 4)

IPI's Norwegian National Committee, together with the Norwegian Press Association, organized a panel session on "Press Freedom Under Attack" at the Nordic Media Festival in Bergen, Norway on World Press Freedom Day. Organized by the Norwegian Press Association and IPI Norway National Committee, the session highlighted challenges to press freedom in Northern Europe.



IPI's Executive Director Barbara Trionfi and IPI Board Member Beata Balogová took part in the discussion Bergen, May 3

Difference Day (Brussels, Belgium, May 3)

IPI Deputy Director Scott Griffen participated in the European Commission's "Difference Day" event to mark World Press Freedom Day. The event was organized by the Vrije Universiteit Brussel, Université Libre de Bruxelles and Erasmushogeschool Brussel, BOZAR, & Evens Foundation, along with other partners. Griffen moderated the session "Silencing Critical Voices – Killing Me Softly", which analysed the variety of ways in which public authorities and private actors put pressure on the media and silence critical voices in Europe.

The Situation of Media and Freedom of Expression in Turkey (Brussels, May 3 - 4)

Also in Brussels, IPI participated in an European Parliament event on "The situation of media and freedom of expression in Turkey" on May 3 to 4, that brought together media and civil society representatives from Turkey and across the European Union. IPI's Turkey Advocacy Coordinator Caroline Stockford represented IPI in the event, which was opened by President of the European Parliament Antonio Tajani.

Resolutions 2018

IPI members, meeting at their 67th General Assembly during the 2018 IPI World Congress in Abuja, Nigeria, unanimously passed four resolutions urging action on press freedom issues in Africa, Egypt, Turkey and in relation to the online harassment of journalists. IPI members:

- called on **African governments** to protect the safety of journalists and to repeal laws that are being exploited to prosecute them;
- called on the government of **Egypt** to release all journalists who have been detained for their journalistic work;
- called for a proportionate state response to **online attacks against journalists** as well for newsrooms around the world to provide increased support to journalists who are the victims of such attacks; and
- called on the next **Turkish government** to free imprisoned journalists, to allow the full exercise of press freedom and to restore judicial independence and the rule of law.



67th General Assembly during the 2018 IPI World Congress in Abuja, Nigeria

□ The full text of the resolutions can be found at <http://ipi.media/ipi-general-assembly-passes-four-press-freedom-resolutions>

The IPI Network Keeps Growing

Welcome to all our new members!

New corporate and institutional members in 2018

- Channels Media Group, Nigeria
- ZDF public broadcaster, Germany
- Media Institute of the Caribbean, Jamaica
- Khabar Lahariya, India



New individual members from Canada, Finland, France, Germany, India, Jamaica, Japan, Korea, Nigeria, Norway, South Africa, Switzerland, Turkey, UK and the U.S.

IPI Czech National Committee established in 2018

Independent journalism in the Czech Republic is under increasing pressure in particular due to an oligarchic ownership system but also to pressure on independent media including the country's public broadcaster. After a number of detailed discussions with several top editors in the country over the course of 2018, including contacts that were acquired through IPI's regular coverage of press freedom issues in the region, IPI laid the foundations of a new Czech National Committee. The Committee's founding members are Robert Břešťan (HlídacíPes.org), Robert Čásenský (Reporter magazine), Michal Klíma, Veronika Sedláčková (Czech Radio) and the institutional member Nadační fond nezávislé žurnalistiky (Endowment for Independent Journalism). The Committee is intended to serve as a new voice for independent media in the country, given a lack of non-political institutions to advocate for the rights of the press.



- Website: www.czipi.cz



IPI National Committees



Newly elected Executive Board members

In 2018, IPI welcomed several prominent editors to its Executive Board.

- **Zaffar Abbas**, Editor, Dawn newspaper, Pakistan
- **David Jordan**, Director, Editorial Policy, BBC, UK
- **Tom Mshindi**, Editor-in-Chief, Nation Media Group, Kenya
- **Khadija Patel**, Editor-in-Chief, Mail & Guardian, South Africa

Read IPI's series of interviews with new Executive Board members:

○ **Zaffar Abbas** on press freedom under Pakistan's new government
<https://ipi.media/memberinterview-zaffar-abbas-on-press-freedom-under-pakistans-new-government/>

○ BBC's **David Jordan** on Brexit, 'fake news' and the future of public broadcasting
<https://ipi.media/memberinterview-bbcs-david-jordan-on-brexit-fake-news-and-the-future-of-public-broadcasting/>

○ **Khadija Patel** on presidents, political interference and the free press
<https://ipi.media/memberinterview-khadija-patel-on-presidents-political-interference-and-the-free-press/>

The IPI Executive Board is elected by the General Assembly with regard to geographic, gender and media diversity. Members serve three-year terms, extendable for a second term. Composed of all IPI members, the General Assembly meets annually during IPI's World Congress to set the organization's overall programme and policy and to elect members of the Executive Board.

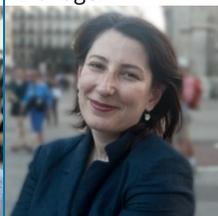
See the list of all IPI Executive Board Members on page 38.



We are grateful to our members for being actively involved in our work by joining our campaigns, taking part in our missions, events and conferences, and providing valuable input and support in implementing IPI's strategy in defence of media freedom.

IPI Team

IPI staff

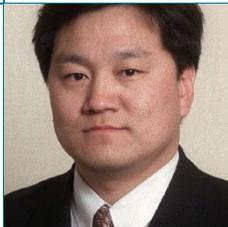
					
RENAN AKYAVAŞ Press Freedom Programme Officer	SCOTT GRIFFEN Deputy Director	CHRISTIANE KLINT Membership and Administration Manager	MARTIN LEONHARTSBERGER Head of Finance	JAVIER LUQUE Head of Digital Communications	MILICA MILETIC Conference and Events Manager
					
SILVIA MORALES Outreach and Engagement Manager	RAVI R. PRASAD Director of Advocacy	HELENA SOARES Development and Programmes Manager	CAROLINE STOCKFORD Turkey Advocacy Coordinator	BARBARA TRIONFI Executive Director	

Press freedom fellowship programme at IPI

In partnership with the Helsingin Sanomat Foundation, IPI has developed a Press Freedom Fellowship for advanced journalism or communications students in Finland. The Programme is designed to expose students to the nature of modern threats to media freedom and to the sustainability of open societies by embedding them as an integral part of IPI's press freedom team.

IPI Executive Board

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<p>Chair →</p>	 <p>MARKUS SPILLMANN Founder & CEO SPILLMANN Media Strategy Management GmbH Switzerland</p>			
<p>Vice Chairs →</p>	 <p>BEATA BALOGOVA Editor-in-Chief SME Slovakia</p>	 <p>WOOSUK KEN CHOI Editor Chosun Ilbo South Korea</p>	 <p>KHADIJA PATEL Editor-in-Chief Mail & Guardian South Africa</p>	 <p>DAWN THOMAS CEO One Caribbean Media Trinidad & Tobago</p>
<p>Board Members →</p>	<p>ZAFFAR ABBAS Editor Dawn newspaper Pakistan</p> <p>MAHFUZ ANAM Editor & Publisher The Daily Star Bangladesh</p> <p>OLE KRISTIAN BJELLAANES Managing Editor Norwegian News Agency Norway</p> <p>MONIKA EIGENSPERGER Director of Radio Austrian Broadcasting Corporation (ORF) Austria</p> <p>KIM FLETCHER Editor The British Journalism Review UK</p>	<p>KADRI GÜRSEL Chair IPI National Committee Turkey</p> <p>DANIEL HADAD CEO Grupo Infobae Argentina</p> <p>SAMI EL HAJ Head Human Rights and Public Liberties Centre Aljazeera Media Network Qatar</p> <p>JOHANNES HANO Bureau Chief (NY/Canada) ZDF Television Germany</p> <p>DAVID JORDAN Director, Editorial Policy BBC UK</p>	<p>HIROSHI KOMATSU Editor-in-Chief The Mainichi Shimbun Japan</p> <p>DAOUD KUTTAB Director General, Community Media Network; Founder, AmmanNet Jordan</p> <p>RIYAD MATHEW Chief Associate Editor & Director Malayala Manorama & The Week India</p> <p>TOM MSHINDI Editor-in-Chief Nation Media Group Kenya</p> <p>KAIUS NIEMI Senior Editor-in-Chief Helsingin Sanomat Finland</p>	<p>VIRGINIA PÉREZ ALONSO Deputy Editor-in-Chief, Público.es; Platform for the Defence of Free Expression (PDLI) Spain</p> <p>MARTHA STEFFENS SABEW Chair in Business and Financial Reporting, University of Missouri School of Journalism USA</p> <p>JOHN YEARWOOD President Yearwood Media Group USA</p> <p>KABIRU YUSUF Chairman, Media Trust Ltd. Nigeria</p>

Audit Report

INTERNATIONAL PRESS INSTITUTE

BALANCE SHEET per	31.12.2017	31.12.2018
ASSETS		
Cash at Banks and in Hand	487.348	374.142
Accounts receivable/Accruals	76.214	33.257
Investments	698.569	756.016
	1.262.132	1.163.415
LIABILITIES		
<u>Debts</u>		
Accounts Payable	0	0
Accruals for Projects	205.429	70.087
	205.429	70.087
<u>Equity</u>		
Equity brought forward	1.007.460	972.404
Reserve for severance payments	69.600	84.300
Operating income 2017/2018	4.511	41.790
Result from investments	-24.867	-5.165
Equity TOTAL end of year	1.056.704	1.093.329
	1.262.132	1.163.415



PROFIT & LOSS STATEMENT

<u>Income</u>	2017	2018
Membership Dues	178.140	173.098
Membership dues paid by PFF	58.714	50.513
Individual Contributions	50.000	50.000
Project Grants Income	197.937	646.374
Interests	13.800	10.025
Exchange GAINS	0	1.597
Conferences Income	187.902	36.293
Other Income	100.646	83.254
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	787.140	1.051.154
 <u>Operating Expenditure</u>		
Salaries & Social Security	466.547	403.851
Outreach	7.812	7.393
Press Freedom/Project Grants Expenses	77.944	418.298
Conferences Expenses	97.169	13.961
Communications	2.741	2.915
Office Rent & Services	91.352	91.728
Operating income 2017/2018	2.976	1.551
IT Costs	17.227	17.389
Exchange LOSS	5.526	
Professional Fees	2.400	5.411
Bank Charges	4.978	5.896
Other Costs	5.958	970
Accrual for IPI Network Dev.Project 2019	0	40.000
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Bank Charges	4.978	5.896
Other costs	5.958	970
Insurance	1.906	0
Operating income 2017/2018	1.480	0
Miscellaneous	2.572	970
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To the
Executive Board and Executive Director
International Press Institute (IPI)
Spiegelgasse 2
1010 Vienna

Vienna, 29th May 2019

**Audit Report according to Art. 21 of the Law on Associations – Vereinsgesetz 2002
(Profit and Loss Statement – Balance Sheet 2018)**

We have audited the annual accounts of the International Press Institute (IPI) for the period 1.1.2018 to 31.12.2018 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 or 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 1.1.2018 to 31.12.2018** 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 content. Third-party claims can therefore not be extrapolated from this report.

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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, 29th of May 2019



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