

# Courage in Journalism Award

*The WAZ-IFJ Prize for  
Courage in Journalism*

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## **Rules of the Competition**

1. Applications are invited from print and on-line journalists working in the countries of Austria, Albania, Bulgaria, Croatia, Germany, Hungary, Macedonia, Romania and Serbia.
2. Each entrant may enter only once but may submit one or more reports on the same subject.
3. All entries including texts published or other forms of journalistic action must have occurred between May 1, 2009 and May 31, 2010.
4. The deadline for entries is June 15, 2010.
5. The Prize winners will receive a *Courage in Journalism Award* Certificate and a financial amount of 10,000 €.
6. The WAZ Media Group and IFJ reserve the right to utilise all material submitted for presentation and media use and to reproduce it for the purposes of promoting the *Courage in Journalism Award* and for allowing a telecast of the awards presentation ceremony.
7. All entrants are required to establish their *bona fides* as media professional and journalist and must certify that the entry covers original work, apart from normal sub-editorial/production treatment.
8. All entries should declare any subsequent formal corrections, challenges to the accuracy of an entry or claims of plagiarism or defamation against the work.
9. Entrants should keep copies of all material submitted, as entries will not be returned.
10. Where the entry is a collaborative effort, all major contributors should be included including producers, researchers, journalists and editors, at the time the entry is lodged. A team entry may comprise a maximum of five individuals.

## **Judging**

11. An independent jury made up of respected media professionals and experts will examine the entries and choose the winners.

12. The decision of the jury is final. The jury has the right to reject an entry, which, in their opinion, does not comply with the requirements of the competition. The *Courage in Journalism Award* sponsors reserve the right to withdraw a Prize if it is later found the entrant did not comply with the entry conditions.

### **Judging Criteria**

13. The Prize is awarded to editors, reporters or media staff whose actions, in the investigation, preparation or dissemination of journalistic work exposing corruption or abuse of power, demonstrate exemplary courage and professionalism in the face of intimidation or undue pressure.
14. The jury will consider the entries in relation to the objectives of promoting understanding and debate on the issue of democratic development and defence of ethical and quality journalism .
15. The jury will consider general criteria including:
  - Relevance, newsworthiness and impact of the information
  - Research required to gather information and resources available and effort expended in the preparation of the work
  - Quality of writing, originality, presentation and respect for ethical principles

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## **Application Form**

### **1. Personal details**

Entrant's name:

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Personal e-mail:

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Position:

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Entrant's home address:

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Home Telephone:

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Home Telefax:

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### **2. Employer/media organisation**

Employer/Media Organisation's Name:

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Telephone:

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Telefax:

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Email:

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### **3. Publication, website or service where item was published**

Name:

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Date appeared: (Must be between May 1, 2009 and May 31, 2010)

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Range and nature of the publication, website or service:

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**4. Category** (Please tick one)

( ) Print

( ) on-line

**5. Entry**

Title of entry:

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Brief description of the entry and its impact:

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**6. Professional experience of the entrant**

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**7. Declaration of the employer/commissioning company:**

I confirm that ..... is a *bona fide* journalist and the work submitted is his/her own work. It does not owe its merit to sub-editing, rewrite or other production treatment.

Representative of company:

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Contact phone:

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Signature:

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Date:

## **Declaration of entrant**

I hereby

- declare that this entry is my original work, apart from sub-editorial/production treatment;
- confirm that I complied with all copyright requirements.

Signature of entrant:

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Date:

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It's easy to enter. Simply print out and fill in the Application Form and mail or fax it along with a copy of your entry to the relevant address listed below. Please read the Rules of the Competition before submitting your entry. The deadline for entries is June 15, 2010. There are no entry fees.

Send the entry form with the following material:

**Print** journalists must supply full-page sample of the work. Where an original sample is not available, a high quality copy will be accepted.

**On-line** journalists must send a DVD or CD-ROM in HTML format OR an Internet address that can be viewed (unaltered) for judging. A senior editorial manager must certify that the work was published on an Internet site.

All entries should be clearly marked Courage in Journalism Award

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