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**CALL FOR
SUBMISSIONS**

Reporters without Borders has been offering the annual PRESS FREEDOM AWARD – SIGNAL FÜR EUROPA to reporters, journalists and publicists in South East Europe and the neighbouring states of the European Union since 2001.

The prize is offered to critical, informative and investigative publications that cover: politics, press freedom, human rights, corruption, societal issues or related topics. Its target group are principally all publicists, regardless of age or status.

The PRESS FREEDOM AWARD – SIGNAL FÜR EUROPA is endowed with a total of 15.000 Euros and has been enabled by the OMV, the leading oil and gas group in Central Europe.

THE PRIZE IS GRANTED IN THREE CATEGORIES

- Print media
- Electronic media
- Series, books and life works

Categories above are subject to change as the jury sees fit.

THE JURY

Freimut Duve

The first OSCE Representative for Freedom of the Media

Monica Nagler-Wittgenstein

Writers in Prison, Sweden

Eva Nowotny

Austrian Ambassador in the USA

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Austrian UN-Embassador in Geneva

Albert Rohan

Former General Secretary of the Austrian ministry of foreign affairs

THE AWARD CEREMONY

The award ceremony of the Press Freedom Award 2009 will take place in the Austrian Parliament on May 7th. It comes about under the patronage of the Austrian parliamentary president, Barbara Prammer and the auspices of the Austrian UNESCO Commission.

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

- The deadline for submissions is March 1st, 2009.
- Pieces of work must have been published or broadcasted in 2008 in order to be accepted
- Letters of reference are of help but not decisive in the evaluation of submissions
- Detailed letters of reference are obligatory if a life's work is submitted
- Only one publication can be submitted per person or series, where the following is necessary:
 - a. the publication in its original language
 - b. an English translation which is authorised by the contender
 - c. a CV, written in English
 - d. a copy of the piece of work
 - e. The above also applies to printed or electronic series, for example series or broadcasts that align to the awards declared aims. In this case a description of the series or broadcast is needed in addition to an exemplary submission in the relevant medium, which may include the press, radio, television or the internet.
 - f. If a life's work is handed in, a detailed letter of reference is required.

Printed pieces should be submitted as the original or if digitally, as a scanned copy. Radio or TV broadcasts should be submitted as cassettes, CDs, DVDs or via Email, depending on the size of the piece of work. In the case of books we ask for an English translation of the foreword and that a short statement of intent is included in the letter of reference, which should also be in English.

FURTHER INFORMATION

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PREVIOUS AWARD WINNERS

- 2002 Petr Uhl_Czech Republik, Agnes Karácsony_Hungary, Jerzy Káliná_Poland
2003 Zeljko Peratovic_Croatia, Milorad Vesic_Yugoslavia, Jelena Bjelica_Yugoslavia
2004 Alina Anghel_Moldova, Andriy Shevchenko_Ukraine, Anca Paduraru_Romania
2005 Demet Bilge Ergün_Turkey, Makarios Drousiotis_Cyprus, Sevgül Uludag_Northern Cyprus
2006 Svetlana Lukic and Svetlana Vukovic_Serbia, Migjen Kelmendi_Kosovo
2008 Kristina Koleva-Tuncheva_Bulgaria, Ovidiu Vanghele_Romania,
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