

BIOGRAPHIES

Mahmoud M. **Al-Dwiri** (Amman, 1976) - After Masters Degree in Environmental Science and Management, University of Jordan, he attended various courses and meetings regarding science journalism and environmental policies and subjects. He has been biology teacher at various schools, at the Herbarium of the University of Jordan and at the Ministry of education (2004-2005). In 2005 he was Project Coordinator/ conducting projects which related to environment by applying technologies to achieve sustainable developments and protect our natural resources/ Renewable Talent (RETA), Amman/ Jordan. Since 2004 he works as freelancer Preparing and producing Earth & Roses Program which aims to spread environmental awareness and encouraging current legislations concerning with environmental safety and ecotourism in Jordan and discussing environmental problems and try to find solutions/ Amman Net Radio Station (FM and Satellite Radio). He also is, since 2006, General Manager, Training Business Partner, in Amman. Mr Al-Dwiri is President of the Jordanian Science Journalist's Association (JSJA) and member of the World Federation of Science Journalism (WFSJ)/ Canada. In February 2008 he was awarded for The best Environmental Article by the The Qatar Foundation (QF) & World Federation of Science Journalism (WFSJ).

Dorothy **Attwood** - As communications policy expert, Attwood leads since 2002 the development and implementation of AT&T's strategic international, national, federal and state public policy initiatives across all AT&T lines of business – including wireless, internet, video and wireline services. As Chief Privacy Officer, she has oversight responsibility for the development and implementation of enterprise-wide policies governing the privacy of customer information. Graduated in law, Attwood was a partner in a law firm specializing in commercial litigation and prior to joining AT&T, she spent six years at the Federal Communications Commission in a variety of senior policy making positions, as Senior Legal Advisor to the Chairman, and as chief of its Wireline Competition. She also served as chief of the Enforcement Division of the Common Carrier Bureau. Attwood played a major role in implementing the Telecommunications Act of 1996. She also managed the reorganization of the agency to reflect the new competitive communications marketplace and align the agency structure with its core functions.

Paco **Audije** (Spain, 1953) - Journalist for more than 32 years, Mr Audije has been 24 years long in TVE (Spanish public broadcasting channels), spending more than half of his career as a journalist specialised in international information. He worked as special envoy in various European countries (United Kingdom, Italy, Germany, Portugal, Sweden, Switzerland), in North Africa and India. Special envoy in international conflicts as in Northern Ireland, Balkans (in particular Serbia and Kosovo) and in Maghreb (in particular in Algeria). Correspondent for TVE in France for eight years (1987-88 and 2000-2006), he had relations with the Fondation Journaliste en Europe (Paris) and with its publication EUROP. Since March 2008 he is Vice Secretary General of the FIJ.

Indrajit **Banerjee** - Dr. Indrajit Banerjee has been a university teacher and researcher in many countries since 1994 when he completed his doctorate in communication with distinction from the Sorbonne University in Paris. Over the past ten years, he has presented papers at a number of prestigious international and regional conferences and seminars. He has also published on various aspects of Asian communications in prestigious journals and books around the world. Dr. Banerjee is also the editor of Internet and Governance in Asia: A Critical Reader, Rhetoric and Reality – The Internet Challenge for Democracy in Asia and the Asian Communication Handbook 2008. Dr. Banerjee is currently the Secretary-General of the Asian

Media Information and Communication Centre (AMIC), which is Asia's premier media research, publication and documentation centre. He is also an Associate Professor at the Wee Kim Wee School of Communication and Information at the Nanyang Technological University in Singapore.

Pascal Beltrán del Río - A graduate of Mexico's National University, Mr. Beltran del Rio has covered international issues as a special correspondent in a score of countries around the world. He has also been a news anchor for Mexican public radio, a TV commentator, and has taught journalism at the Iberoamericana University in Mexico City. He is the author of a book on Mexican politics. He has won twice the National Journalism Prize, in 2003 and 2007. A former correspondent in Washington DC, Mr. Beltran-del-Rio has worked for Proceso newsmagazine, El Economista business newspaper, and Excelsior newspaper, where he is currently the Editorial Director (managing editor).

Boris Bergant - Boris Bergant is Adviser to the Director General for International Relations and Projects, Radio-TV Slovenia. A journalist and broadcasting researcher, he studied journalism at the University of Ljubljana in Slovenia and attended Kenyon College. He was editor of foreign affairs with Radio-TV Slovenia from 1981 to 1986, News Editor 1986-88, then deputy TV director until 1992 when he was appointed as Deputy Director of Radio-TV Slovenia. He received the Best Journalistic Achievement award in 1996, Best Documentary in 1978, and the TV award in 1981. He is a member of the European Institute for the Media; the Slovenian Council of the European Movement; the Association of Journalists of Slovenia, of which he was the President 1987-91; CIRCUM Regional, of which he was the President 1990-92 and has been Secretary-General since 1993. He has been Vice-President of the EBU since 1 January 1999.

Mario Bettencourt Resendes - He began the professional activity in "Diário de Notícias" in February 1975, with a complementary training in Paris. He was then invited, in April 1975, to take part in the team that founded "Jornal Novo" where worked, at the beginning, in the Business Section and later in the National Politics Section and, after that, appointed chief of the Editorial Office of "Opção" in June. In charge of the supplement "Analysis" of "Diário de Notícias" since 1979 until the end of its publication and since February 1980 editor of the National Politics, Economy and Labour Section of "DN". Deputy-Editor of "DN" since April 1986. Nominated Editor-in-Chief of "Diário de Notícias" in March 1992 until February 2004. He is Publisher of Lusomundo Media (daily papers, radio, magazines, etc) since November 2003 and Vice president of the Board of Lusomundo Media since September 2004.

Piero Bianucci - Professional journalist, between 1968 and 1981, Prof. Bianucci directed the cultural area of the «Gazzetta del Popolo». From 1981 to 2005 he cared for scientific journalism for "La Stampa", for which he contributed in founding "TuttoScienze", the weekly science supplement, which he directed from 1989 to 2005.

For many years he has been working for the TV and radio of the Italian Switzerland. He is author of about 30 books, mostly dedicated to the diffusion of astronomy, Earth sciences, problems of energy and; some of these books have been translated in French and Spanish. He is currently science columnist and consultant for La Stampa and its monthly "Specchio" for scientific subjects, and lecturer of science writing at Turin University. Since last February he is President of the astronomic Park INIFINI.TO and of the Turin Planetarium. In 1992 International Astronomical Union honoured him, by renaming "Bianucci" an asteroid orbiting between Mars and Jupiter, formerly known as 4821.

Ferhat Boratav (Istanbul, 1959) - He attended Istanbul Erkek Lisesi and he studied social sciences and history at the Bogaziçi University. He graduated in 1982 and his post-graduate studies at the Grenoble University in France were on the Turkish immigrants. Ferhat Boratav's

media career began at the *Nokta* newsmagazine. After a short period in the advertising sector he went to London to work as a radio journalist/presenter at the BBC World Service's Turkish Section. Boratav came back to Turkey in 1992, and became Executive Producer of a television production company. He then went back to the newsroom, first as an editor at Show TV, and then as the Managing Editor of ATV News. He joined CNN TURK as the Editor-in-Chief, shortly before its launch in 1999. He is married and speaks English, French and German. He considers his years in the Drama Club of his University and his work as a cook in France as important experiences for his subsequent career. Since 1998 he's been teaching newswriting and TV journalism at the Department of Communications at Bilgi University, Istanbul.

Hugo Bütler - Born in 1944, he has graduated from Kantonsschule Zug in 1963. After experiences in local journalism and with a news agency, he joined the editorial staff of *Neue Zürcher Zeitung* in 1968. He wrote about Swiss home affairs and foreign policy, media, social politics and analysed the student movements since 1968. He was responsible for the special page "political books" and dealt with international politics, especially with East-West-Problems before and after 1989. From 1985 to 2006 Hugo Bütler was Chief Editor and Head of the Management Team of the *Neue Zürcher Zeitung* and later on Head of the Managing Board of NZZ Group. Since April 2007 Bütler is retired from NZZ. - The Landis & Gyr- Foundation is active in Switzerland, London, Berlin, Budapest and Bucharest and is supporting cultural activities, especially Authors und Artists, but also two Institutes for advanced studies, the Collegium Budapest and New Europe College in Bucharest. Hugo Bütler today is president of the cultural foundation "Zuger Kulturstiftung Lands & Gyr", but still writing for *Neue Zürcher Zeitung*.

Emilio Carelli (Crema, 1952) - Graduated in Modern Literature, qualifying in Mass Media, Carelli became a professional journalist. Since 1980 he has been working in Fininvest-Mediaset as a tv-reporter for several programmes, such as "Notizienotte" edited by Vittorio Buttafava; "Buongiorno Italia", "Speciale ore 11" and "Monitor" edited by Guglielmo Zucconi. In 1986 he became managing editor of Mediaset and from 1986 to 1992 he was author, editor and anchorman of "Parlamento in", a weekly tv program about politics, and author of "Italia Domanda", a weekly talk show. He took part in the first pilot Mediaset tv daily news, called "Dentro la Notizia", from 1988 to 1989, when he became deputy editor of Mediaset News. In 1991 he became deputy editor of Studio Aperto, the first Mediaset tv daily news, and in January 1992, he was deputy editor and anchorman in the daily edition of the just founded TG5. In 2000, he became editor in chief of TGCOM, the brand covering the area of new media and particularly Internet and Teletext (Mediavideo). In 2003, he left Mediaset and became editor in chief of Sky TG24, the first Italian all news channel. Since October 2002, he has also been teaching "Theory and Technique of Online Information" at the Faculty of Literature and Philosophy at the Università Cattolica in Milan.

Giulietto Chiesa (Acqui Terme, 1940) - Member of the European Parliament, journalist, Italy, Vice-Chairman of the Committee on International Trade and member of the temporary Commission on Environment. He is one of the most famous Italian journalists and author of several books of political content, many of them regarding the Russian transition to democracy. For twenty years correspondent from Moscow for the national newspapers "L'Unità" (1980-1990) and "La Stampa" (1990-2000), presently he is one of the most prestigious columnists. Among his last books: *Superclan* (Feltrinelli, 2003), *The Infinite War* (Feltrinelli, 2002), *Afghanistan Anno Zero* (Guerini, 2001) and *Genova-G8* reportage on the facts of Genoa, published by Einaudi in 2001. In 2002 he received the Prize Culture of Peace. In 2005 he published the book *Cronache Marxziane* (Fazi) and in 2007 *The secret prisons of CIA in Europe* (Piemme) and *Zero - The reason why the official version on September 11th is a fake*. He has recently promoted the coming out of the movie *Zero - Inquiry on September 11th*.

Corrado **Clini** (Latina, 1947) - General Director of the Italian Ministry of Environment and of environmental and marine Safeguard, Vice President of the European Agency for Environment and of the International Partnership for Hydrogen-centered Economy. Besides, he heads "Regional Environment Centre", an NGO based in Budapest, and the Global BioEnergy Partnership. He currently serves as Visiting Professor at Tsinghua, University of Beijing, and as Senior Research Fellow at the Centre for International Development of Harvard University. He chairs the European Committee on Environment and Health.

Maurizio **Costanzo** (Roma, 1938) – After beginning his career in journalism in 1956, since 1962 Costanzo is radio and tv author. He currently writes for "Il Messaggero", "CHI" and "Panorama" and has collaborated with "Il Corriere della Sera", "Il Mattino", "La Stampa" and "Epoca". Since 1986 he anchors the "Maurizio Costanzo Show". He has been Director of Canale 5 (1997-1999), President of Mediatrade, and in 2000 he founded with Alessandro Benetton the society "Maurizio Costanzo Comunicazione". He is Director of the "Laboratorio di Comunicazione e di Nuovi Contenuti RTI". Since 1988 he is Artistic Director of the Rome Parioli Theatre, and he has covered the same role in at the Milan Teatro Ciak and the Rome Brancaccio Theatre. Among others, he won the Saint Vincent Prize for radio (1970) and tv (1977) journalism, the Campione Prize for journalism (1988) and 15 Telegatti. Since 1995 he is Prof. of Theory and Technique of Radio-tv Language at the "La Sapienza" University in Rome, but he also taught at la Sorbonne, at the IULM and Bocconi in Milan. Costanzo has treated environment and ecology since the beginning of his career, and hosted the most important italian and foreign experts as Barry Commoner, John Fareman, Jeremy Rifkin (1998) and interviewing all the Italian Ministers for Environment since the institution of the Ministry itself, in 1984, and the protagonists of the major campaigns of Legambiente and Greenpeace. He talked about "climate alarm" for the first time in 1987 and since then he treated this subject in more than 400 episodes of his famous talk-show.

David **Dadge** - The holder of an LLB (hons) law degree, he is the author of a series of books on press freedom: "Casualty of War: The Bush Administration's Assault on a Free Press", "Silenced: International Journalists Expose Media Censorship" and "The War in Iraq and Why the Media Failed Us". The former editor of IPI's World Press Freedom Review, Dadge specialises in press freedom on the African sub-continent, as well as various legal issues related to press freedom. David Dadge is currently Director of International Press Institute-IPI in Vienna.

Laura **Di Lucia Coletti** - Counsellor in charge of the Project "Ethical Province" at the Province of Venice. Teacher of Italian and Latin at the State Scientific High school *Giordano Bruno* of Mestre-Venice, she has been the promoter of an educational course for teachers and students of the Province of Venice finalised to open a debate on crucial issues of our time such as an education to peace, for which she has been awarded by the President of the Italian Republic. Member of the National Committee of the Association *Megachip*, aiming to promote initiatives for the defence of democratic information, she is also among the founders of *Media Watch Global International-Italia*. In the framework of the project "Ethical Province", she is working at enhancing the idea of transparency, efficiency and effectiveness of public administration, so to overcome the illegitimate gap between ethics and politics. As Chairperson of the Special Committee for the Project "Ethical Province", she has been coordinating the works that have brought to the launch of the Ethical Provincial Code and the Code of Good Administrative Conduct, as well as the Code for Ethical Sponsors.

Oktay **Eksi** (Mesudiye, 1932) - Graduated in Law, he became reporter in the 50es for the Ankara News Agency, and then Ankara Correspondent and Bureau Chief for the *Dünya* daily (İstanbul). He worked for the *Yeni Gazete* daily and later became Director of the News Evaluation and Commentary Dept. of the Turkish Radio and Tv.Network (1970-71). Ankara Correspondent and Bureau Chief for the *Hürriyet* daily (İstanbul) (1971-74) and then its

Principal Columnist (1974-83) and General Manager of Hürriyet News Agency (1975-82), between 1983 and 1984 Mr Eksi was Vice Chairman and Founding Member of the Social Democratic Party. Since 1984 Principal Columnist of the Güneş daily (İstanbul) and of the Hürriyet daily, since 1988 he is Chairman and Founding member of the Turkish Press Council. He was also Vice Chairman and Founding member of the World Association of Press Councils (1992-2002) and Founding Chairman of the National Committee of the International Press Institute (1996-98). He is currently President, since 2002, of the WAPC. Mr Eksi received Numerous awards by different Journalistic Associations, as the Paul Harris award by 2430 Region of Rotary International (1997) and the Honorary Doctorate by Istanbul University (2003).

Amr **El-Shobaki** - Mr. Elshobaki published a number of research papers and books in Arab, English and French languages periodicals dealing with Arab and Egyptian political systems, political Islamic movements, European political systems and issues facing European Islam. He has also published a large number of articles in the following newspapers: Al-Ahram and Al-Masri Al-Youm, Al-Ahram Strategic Periodical (Cairo); Al-Hayat (London); Al-Khalij and Al-Bayan (UAE); Al-Sharq Al-Awsat (London /Saudi Arabia). Between 1991 and 1999 he has been Correspondent journalist for Al-Ahram Weekly in Paris and since 2006 he is Head of Arab European Unit in Al-Ahram Foundation.

Alexandra **Föderl-Schmid** (Haslach, 1971) - Graduated in Communication and Media, Political Science and History Studies at the University of Salzburg, she also attended the Journalism School in Wels, Upper Austria (now OÖ Journalists Academy). Between 1988 and 1990 Freelance at the weekly paper *Mühlviertler Rundschau*, in 1990 she started working at the daily *Der Standard*, for which she was freelance between 1990 and 1993, then correspondent in Germany (1993 – 2005), Editor at the Foreign Politics Department (1998 – 1999), EU Correspondent in Brussels (2005) and Chief Editor of Department in 2006. Since 1 July 2007 she is Editor-in-Chief of *Der Standard*.

Johann **Fritz** (Ober-Eggendorf, 1940) - Educated in both Vienna and the United States, Johann Fritz's early career was with an Austrian Youth Organisation where, among other positions, he edited its monthly magazine for five years. He became the Director of the "International Press Institute (IPI)" in 1992, and in 1993 he moved IPI's headquarters from London to Vienna. At the end of 2007 he retired as "IPI Director Emeritus". In March 2000 he was awarded the title of Professor by the Austrian Federal Ministry of Science and Research and in 2003 he was awarded the Gold Medal for the Meritorious Service to the City of Vienna. Also in 2003 he received the "Comandor Pentru Merit" Medal from the President of the Republic of Romania for the assistance in transforming the government-owned Romanian broadcasting corporation into a public service broadcasting corporation. In 2006 he was awarded, on behalf of the IPI, the "News and Documentary EMMY Award" from the National Television Academy, New York. At his retirement in 2007 the IPI Executive Board granted him the honorary life-time award "IPI Press Freedom Ambassador".

Umberto **Galimberti** - Graduated in Philosophy at the Catholic University of Milan under the guidance of Emanuele Severino, he moved very early to Basel, where he meets and regularly frequents Karl Jaspers, of whom he will be one of the main translators and Italian promoters. After some years of teaching in high schools, in 1976 he becomes professor of Cultural Anthropology at the just founded Faculty of Letters and Philosophy of the Ca' Foscari University of Venice, of which Severino is one of the founders. He becomes associated professor of Philosophy of History in 1983 and since 1999 he is Ordinary Professor of Philosophy of History and Dynamic Psychology. He also taught Moral Philosophy and since 1985 he is member of the International Association for Analytical Psychology. Since 2003 he is also Vice-President of the Italian Association for the Philosophical Consultancy "Phronesis". In

2006 he has been teacher at the Vacances de l'Esprit in Soprabolzano (BZ). He collaborated with "Il Sole 24 Ore" between 1987 and 1995, and later with "La Repubblica", both with columns about current news and cultural analysis. He also runs a column of "D, La Repubblica delle Donne", weekly supplement of "La Repubblica". In 2002 he has been awarded the international Prize "Maestro e traditore della psicanalisi".

Georgie Ann **Geyer** (Chicago, 1935) - Georgie Anne Geyer is an internationally-known foreign correspondent and syndicated columnist with Universal Press Syndicate. Her twice-weekly columns on international affairs have been appearing in more than 120 newspapers in the United States and Latin America for 26 years, including The Chicago Tribune, The Washington Times and The Dallas Morning News. Before starting her column, she was a foreign correspondent with The Chicago Daily News, beginning in Latin America and then working in virtually every area of the world. She has spoken in most forums across the country and has appeared on almost every television show in the country, for 22 years being a regular on PBS' "Washington Week in Review" with Paul Duke.

Mikhail **Gorbachev** (Privolnoe, 1931) - Former President of the USSR, elected in 1988 and Nobel Peace Laureate in 1990. First elected as a Deputy of the Supreme Soviet of the USSR in 1970, in 1971 he became a Member and in 1978 Secretary of the Central Committee of the Party. In 1985 he was appointed General Secretary of the Supreme Soviet Communist Party and tried to restructure the economy of the country launching the Perestrojka process. He also enhanced democratic development by extending individual and collective liberties (Glasnost: transparency), finding considerable resistance in the opposition. He brought great political victories in foreign policy, through his commitment to the cause of peace and cooperation, which led to the signing of the treaty with Ronald Reagan for the elimination of the euro-missiles (Washington, December 1987). He resigned in 1991 after a failed coup organised by the conservative fringe of the Communist Party. He is the Founder and President of The World Political Forum.

Andrei **Grachev** (Moscow, 1941) - Graduated in History, he was Editor of the international magazine "World Youth", Visiting Professor at "la Sorbonne" (Paris) and Kyoto, and Senior Researcher at St Antony's College, Oxford. He was even Deputy Director on the International Department of the Central Committee of CPSU and assistant and official Spokesman of the President of the USSR Mikhail Gorbachev. Author of several books, he's presently member of Russian UN Association, Founding member of the Council for Foreign and Defence Policy of Russia, Adviser at the Gorbachev Foundation (Moscow), Expert of the Association Progress of Management (Paris) and Chairman of the Scientific Committee of The World Political Forum.

H.D.S. **Greenway** (Boston, 1935) - Educated at Yale University, Oxford University, and Harvard University (Nieman Fellow), Greenway served in the US Navy, and later worked for the Time-Life News Service from 1962 to 1972 in London, Washington, Saigon, Hong Kong and the United Nations. He worked for the Washington Post, 1972-1978 in Washington, Hong Kong, Saigon and Jerusalem. He joined the Boston Globe in 1978 as foreign editor and served as editor of the editorial pages until 2000, when he retired. Greenway is a former Board Member and Vice Chairman of the International Press Institute, and a former board member of the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute, a leading scientific organization in the field of climate change. He has written for: The New York Times, The New Yorker, the New York Review of Books, and the Atlantic. He is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations in New York City. Greenway's column for the Boston Globe appears regularly in the International Herald Tribune.

Fredy **Gsteiger** (Berne, 1962) - Diplomatic Correspondent of Swiss Radio DRS, the Swiss national public broadcaster, he covers major issues in international foreign and security policy, NATO, G8, terrorism as well as international media developments and press freedom

issues; he graduated in economics in St. Gallen/Switzerland and studied political science in Lyons/France and Québec/Canada; from 1988 he worked as Middle East editor of the German weekly "Die Zeit" in Hamburg and later as Paris correspondent of the same newspaper. In 1997 he was appointed chief editor of the Swiss weekly "Die Weltwoche" in Zurich, a newspaper that established its reputation far beyond Switzerland's borders before and during the Second World War as an independent voice against Nazi Germany; many German intellectuals and writers remained loyal to the paper, that gave them a platform during the war, for decades after the liberation of their country; in 2002 Gsteiger joined Swiss Radio, first as producer of the main evening news programme "Echo der Zeit" and since 2006 as diplomatic correspondent. He wrote a bestselling un-authorised biography on the right-wing Swiss politician Christoph Blocher and another book on Swiss politics; he is a member of the board of the International Press Institute IPI.

Rebecca **Harms** (Hambrock, 1956) - Fighting against nuclear power has always been important to her private and political life. In 1984, when her friend and combatant from the German district Wendland, Undine von Blotnitz, was elected member of European Parliament, Rebecca Harms became her parliamentary assistant. Together, they discovered both Europe and the Green Party. Also being a member of the "Wendländische Filmcooperative" (film cooperative of the Wendland), Rebecca Harms also contributed to plenty of documentaries. In 1994, the Green Party convinced her to campaign for a seat in the regional parliament in Lower Saxony, where she was elected chairperson of the parliamentary group in 1998. Energy policy always remained in the focus of her political work. Since 2004 she continues her commitment for renewable energies, energy efficiency and against any form of a nuclear renaissance as a member of the European Parliament in the ITRE committee (Industry, Research and Energy) and as Vice-Chairwoman of the CLIM committee (Temporary Committee on Climate Change). She is Vice-President of the GREENS/EFA Group, spokesperson of the Green German MEPs and member of the party council of Bündnis 90/Die Grünen.

Xiaojun **Heng** (Anhui Province, 1959) - Vice President China Foreign Affairs University, China. Graduated in English Language and Literature from the Foreign Languages Department of Anhui Normal University, he was then teaching assistant (1982-1985). In 1986, he obtained the Diploma in linguistics from Hangzhou University and the following year achieved the Master of Philosophy from the Foreign Languages Department of Anhui Normal University. Between 1987 to 1994 he served as Lecturer and Associate Professor for the same Athenaeum. Currently Professor and Vice President of China Foreign Affairs University, he is Member of several associations, such as the European Association for lexicography (EURALEX), China Education Association for International Exchange, Translators Association of China. Between 1995 and 1999, he was Education Consul at the Chinese General Consulate in New York.

Isma'ila **Isa** - Isma'ila Isa started his career as a pupil teacher and thereafter worked at both local and regional (State) Government for over a decade before opting for the private sector where he became a Personnel Manager of over 10,000 staff strength Textile Company in Nigeria. He was trained at Ahmadu Bello University Zaria and University of Manchester UK. He joined New Africa Holdings Ltd, publishers of the Democrat Newspapers and became the publisher. Isma'ila Isa has been President of the Newspapers Proprietor Association of Nigeria for 8 years and is currently Chairman of the Governing Council of the Nigerian Institute of Journalism as well as Director/Chairman of various companies and recipient of the prestigious National Honour of the Officer of the Federal Republic (OFR) amongst several other national and international awards.

Sergei **Kapitza** (Cambridge, 1928) - Vice Rector, Russian New University, Russia. Engineer, in 1951 he graduated from the Central Aerohydrodynamic Institute of Moscow, then becoming Senior Scientist at the Institute for Physical Problems - where he still teaches - at IPP RAS and at the Russian New University, where he also served as Vice Director and currently as advisor. He was Professor of Physics (1956 - 1965) and Chairperson at Moscow Institute for Physics and Technology (1965 - 1998) and is still Professor at the Institute for Social and Economic Problems of Population of the Russian Academy of Sciences. He holds many responsible posts in several institutions: Vice President of the Academy of Natural Sciences of Russia (1990), President of the Euroasian Physical Society (1993), Member of the Russian Presidential Council on Arts and Culture (1996). Furthermore, he is Member of several Learned Associations: World Institute of Sciences, Academy of Arts and Science, Academia Europaea, International Aeronautical Federation, Club of Rome, Nikitsky Club. He serves as editor for various magazines and publications and as moderator on science and society on TV. Among his publications, five books and numerous scientific papers.

Tivadar **Keller** (Ozora, 1954) – Graduated in economic sciences in Budapest, since 1978 he is journalist in the MTI, Hungarian News Agency, for which he was initially permanent correspondent in Bulgaria (1984-87) and Editor Foreign Desk in various periods from 1987 to 2008. He also has been permanent correspondent of the MTI in Croatia (1996-2001) and in Austria (2003-2007). Since 2008 Mr Keller is Deputy Editor-in-Chief of the MTI, Hungarian News Agency Corp.

Mine **Kirikanat** (Ankara, 1951) - Mine G. Kırıkkanat has graduated from Fevzi Atlioğlu Primary School, Notre Dame de Sion High School and the Department of Sociology of the Faculty of Literature of Istanbul University. She has pursued a literary life that she began as Turkey's first woman humor writer, as a reporter from Spain for Cumhuriyet, from France for Milliyet and a columnist for Radikal. Mrs. Kırıkkanat, who is amongst the foreign journalists for the TV channel TV5Monde, maintains her presence in literature with a variety of works such as novels, stories and essays. She published 8 novels of which two are translated into French. She received three times the price as most courageous Turkish journalist. She is currently writing for the newspaper Vatan.

Ronald **Koven** - European Representative of the World Press Freedom Committee since 1981; Paris political correspondent of International Herald Tribune 1962-69; Diplomatic Editor, Canada Correspondent, Foreign Editor, Paris Correspondent at The Washington Post, 1969-81; Paris correspondent of The Boston Globe, 1981-1991. He was the “De Gaulle watcher” at The Herald Tribune in Paris through most of the 1960s. He then joined The Washington Post, where he was successively the Diplomatic Editor, the Canada correspondent, and the Foreign Editor, returning to Paris in 1977 as The Post’s correspondent, in charge of Latin Europe and the Maghreb. He reported extensively in the Middle East and Iran, from the start of the Islamic revolution. From 1981-1991, he was Paris correspondent of The Boston Globe. For the WPFC, he covers and acts as a spokesman on press freedom at UNESCO, UN Human Rights Council, Council of Europe, European Union and OSCE. After the fall of the Berlin Wall, he undertook an extensive aid program for new independent press in the former Soviet bloc, organizing conferences and seminars, publishing training manuals, legal aid projects and providing targeted material help to news outlets and journalists groups. He has taught on “American Media and Society” at the Political Sciences Institute of Paris and is past president and treasurer of the Anglo-American Press Association of Paris.

Steffen **Kretz** - Senior International editor and anchor with the Danish Broadcasting Corporation TV News and Current Affairs. He hosts DR-TV's legendary foreign affairs programme Horisont (Horizon). From September 2008 he's on a one-year special assignment

as DRs Climate Correspondent covering the global climate changes in the months leading up to the International summit in Copenhagen. Over the past 20 years Steffen Kretz has been reporting from wars and conflicts in Africa and the Middle East, he has been based in New York as a US correspondent and most recently in Amman as bureau chief of DR-TV's Middle East bureau. From 1996 to 2004 he was the anchor of DR-TV's main newscast at 9 pm.

Martin Lees – Graduated in Mechanical Sciences from Cambridge University, he later joined OECD, heading programs on Cooperation in Science and Technology and on Innovation in the Procedures and Structures of Government. He then served at the UN in several capacities, including Executive Director of the Financing System for Science and Technology for Development and in 1982, he became Assistant Secretary General. During this period, he was in charge of the establishment of the InterAction Council of former Heads of State and Government, becoming its Executive Director. Responsible, since 1983, for several high level programs of International Cooperation with China, i.e. the establishment of the China Council for International Cooperation on Environment and Development. He is now a Senior Adviser to the Chinese Government on Climate Change and other issues. From 1991-1996 he was General Director of the International Committee for Economic Reform and Cooperation. From January 2001 to April 2005, he was Rector of the University for Peace of the United Nations in Costa Rica, guiding its revitalization and launching eight Masters programs on issues of peace, security and sustainable development. In September 2007 he was elected Secretary General of the Club of Rome.

Jean Francois Lemounier (Paris, 1946) - Graduated In History from Paris-Sorbonne in 1970 and laureate in Political Sciences and Journalism has made all his career with Agence France-Presse which he joined in 1973. He was AFP's bureau chief in various country including Pakistan (1976-1980), Israel (1982-1986), Brazil (1989-1992), before becoming responsible for the Middle-east region from 1992 to 2005 and has served as the agency Foreign editor from 1986 to 1989. From 1995 to 2005 has been Director of the Photo department of Agence France-Presse. He is currently AFP's bureau chief for Italy since 2005.

Massimo Leoni - Massimo Leoni obtained a degree in Economy and Trade. He maximised his studies winning an open competition promoted by the Ministry of Transportation in 1993 and afterwards as an employee of the Banca Nazionale del Lavoro. In 1998 he started to cooperate in the field of journalism and in 2000 he took the charge of responsible for Economics and Finance articles in the newspaper "Italia Oggi". In 2001 he was taken on by 24 Ore Tv, the financial channel of the newspaper Il Sole 24 Ore, where he was the anchor man and the coordinator of financial news. In 2003, since the start-up phase, Massimo Leoni has been involved in the organization of Sky TG24 where, in addition to directing the political editorial unit, he has functioned as correspondent and responsible of in-depth political and economical analysis.

Simon Li - Retired from the Los Angeles Times in August 2007 after a career in newspapers that spanned 42 years. He had began as a trainee reporter for an English-language daily in his hometown, the Hong Kong Standard. He earned a B.A. from Oxford University and an M.S. in journalism at Columbia University in New York. His first American newspaper was the Philadelphia Inquirer where he worked for 13 years in a variety of editing positions. In 1984 the Los Angeles Times recruited him. He stayed for 23 years, more than 16 of them on the foreign desk and almost half of that time as foreign editor. He was promoted to assistant managing editor in 2002. Since retirement, he has continued to consult for The Times. Li is a vice chairman of the International Press Institute.

Radomir Licina - Senior Editor, member of the Board and one of the founders and owners of independent Belgrade daily "Danas". He has almost 40 years of journalistic experience in several political dailies of former Yugoslavia, FRY and Serbia ("Borba" and "Naša Borba"),

where he worked in foreign news sections. He covered European affairs, especially the birth and development of CSCE and OSCE. As a reporter, he worked from many countries of Europe, South Asia and Middle East, as well as United States. He wrote numerous contributions to different media abroad. He took part in numerous conventions, round tables, seminars and gatherings of international and Balkan journalists and often attends other political, economic and professional meetings dealing with media, political and economic problems of the region and the world. He is the President of the Board of South East European Media Organisation (SEEMO), regional branch of International Press Institute, Vienna. He is also the member of IPI Board.

Ray Louw - Fellow of the International Press Institute and Member IPI Executive Board from 1978 until 1986, founder and former Chairman of Freedom of Expression Institute, South Africa and Africa representative of World Press Freedom Committee. He also worked on the Johannesburg Sunday Times (news editor) and newspapers in Sussex, Cumbria and London, England, for six years. He was member of special Task Group on Government Communications to restructure the former apartheid government's propagandist division into a state information service. Active campaigner for media freedom, Raymond Louw headed campaign for independent broadcasting in SA and was Recipient of the Press Freedom 2005 Award from the Media Institute of Southern Africa, the Pringle Award (twice), the Sanef-Wrottesley Award and the Mondi-Shanduka Lifetime Achiever Award, all for services. Author of, and contributor, to several booklets and books on subjects related to journalism, among them Peter Magubane's Pictorial History of Nelson Mandela. He's currently co-leader of a campaign to have "insult laws" scrapped throughout Africa and Editor & Publisher of Southern Africa Report, private circulation weekly current affairs newsletter.

Mario Lubetkin - IPS Director General since 2002. Attracted by the News Agency's original coverage of human rights, environment and development issues, he joined IPS as a journalist in 1979 at the Headquarters in Rome. He later returned to his native Uruguay as a correspondent and served as Regional Director for Latin America, before being appointed Director General. Lubetkin served as correspondent for several Italian and Latin American print media, and as communications adviser for several UN agencies and regional integration organizations. He has coordinated communications projects with the Governments of Brazil, Finland, Italy and Uruguay, among others. Since 2000, he coordinates "Tierramérica", a Communication Project of the UN Environmental Programme (UNEP) and the UN Development Programme (UNDP), which is the most important communication platform on environment and sustainable development in Latin America (www.tierramerica.net). In the last years, he actively supported communication efforts at the United Nations major summits, both personally and with his team, also through the publication of the TerraViva conference papers. In particular, the editorial work of the news agency is now focused on the millennium development goals. Mario Lubetkin is Vice-President of Media Watch Global and founder of the Com+ Alliance of Communicators for sustainable development, together with other international organizations.

Joachim Mahrholdt (Mülheim/Ruhr, 1956) - Joachim Mahrholdt studied German and French Literature in Düsseldorf, Nantes and Konstanz. He has been working for newspapers since 1973, first as a free lance author, then as a reporter and editor. In 1986 he won a scholarship of the foundation "Journalistes in Europe" and spent nearly a year in Paris, working for newspapers and broadcasting corporations. In 1987 he started to work in TV and joined the ZDF. There he worked as reporter, presenter and editor in different departments. From 1999 to 2001 he was responsible as head of department for several programmes. Today he is specialised in the environment department on energy matters. For newspapers he still writes about aeronautics and space issues.

Asis **Martin de Cabiedes** (Madrid, 1955) - Before joining Europa Press in 1994, Mr. Martin de Cabiedes was appointed to a number of international executive responsibilities. Starting in 1979 when he was employed at Continental Bank, Madrid Branch, later moved to Dow Chemical Iberica, as Treasurer, and subsequently to Crocker National Bank in London, as Vice President and Executive Director. Senior Consultant at the Boston Consulting Group in London (1985-1986), was appointed Division Head at CESCE-Spain's Official Export Credit Agency (1987-1991), and General Manager for Spain at BFE-Portugal Bank (1992-1994). President and CEO of Europa Press Group since 1994, Mr. Martin de Cabiedes has full executive and editorial responsibilities for the Group. Europa Press, incorporated in 1954, is the largest private news agency in Spain with over 600 journalists and is fully owned by the Martin de Cabiedes family.

Pavol **Múdry** (Bratislava, 1950) - Graduated at Comenius University, from 1975 to 1991, he was a Professor of Economics at Bratislava University and also taught English and sports. In 1992, he was a correspondent for the Austrian Press Agency (APA) and Reuters in Bratislava and also freelanced for Slovák média. From 1992 to 1995, he was Deputy Editor-in-Chief of the Slovák News Agency TASR in Bratislava. He established and headed the TASR English Language Export Desk and was a member of its Managing Board. In 1997 he founded SITA Slovák News Agency, independent private news agency. He has been the CEO since its establishment and is presently also Head of its Board. He also served as a Consultant from 1998 to 1999 for IREX Bosnia Herzegovina at ONASA News Agency, in 1999 for ProMedia Beiarussia at BelaPan Agency, and from 2000 to 2001 for IREX Montenegro to launch Montena News Agency. Co-author of "The Mission: Journalism, Ethics and the World" (Iowa State University Press, 2002), he also translated "Not Accounted", by the renowned Swiss banker, Hans Vontobel, in 1996. Mr. Múdry has been a member of IPI since 1994, since 2008 a Member of IPI Executive Board, a Member of Board of the South East European Média Organisation (SEEMO) since 2007, and a Member of the Board of the Association of Private News Agencies (APNA) since 2005.

Mohan **Munasinghe** (Sri Lanka, 1945) - Prof. Munasinghe shared the 2007 Nobel Peace Prize, as Vice Chairman of the United Nations Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), for work on global warming and sustainable development. Currently, he is also Chairman, Munasinghe Inst. of Development (MIND), Colombo; Director-General, Sustainable Consumption Institute (SCI), University of Manchester, UK; and Honorary Senior Advisor to the Sri Lanka Govt. He has earned post-graduate degrees in engineering, physics and development economics from Cambridge University (UK), Massachusetts Institute of Technology (USA), and McGill University and Concordia University (Canada). He has also received several honorary doctorates (honoris causa). During 35 years of distinguished public service, he has served as Senior Energy Advisor to the President of Sri Lanka, Advisor to the United States Presidents Council on Environmental Quality, and Senior Advisor/Manager, World Bank. He has taught as Visiting Professor at a number of leading universities worldwide. He has won many international prizes and medals for his research and its applications. He has authored 91 books and over three hundred technical papers on economics, sustainable development, climate change, power, energy, water resources, transport, environment, disasters, and information technology. He is a Fellow of several internationally recognized Academies of Science, and serves on the editorial boards of a dozen academic journals.

Julio **Munoz** - Doctor in Mass Communications, he graduated with a degree in journalism from the School of Journalism at the University of Concepción in Chile (1972) and graduated from CIESPAL, International Center for Studies in Communications (1972). Since 1982, he has been working with the IAPA, as manager and later director of the Technical Center and as Deputy Executive Director, becoming IAPA Executive Director in 1994. Previously, from 1969 to 1982, he held a wide range of positions in the field of journalism. He also was a professor of journalism at the Catholic University of Chile in the city of Concepción.

Kumi **Naidoo** - Secretary General of CIVICUS, an international alliance of organisations and individuals from 85 countries dedicated to strengthening citizen action and civil society throughout the world. During the democratic elections he served as an official spokesperson of the Independent Electoral Commission and National Director responsible for the training over 300,000 people of electoral staff. He has also served in several leadership positions in the adult education NGO sector in South Africa, and has been a freelance journalist, editor, and researcher. Active in the anti-apartheid movement since the age of fifteen, after the release of Nelson Mandela in 1990, Kumi returned to South Africa and worked on a voluntary basis to help set up the African National Congress as a legal political party. Appointed by the UN Secretary-General to the Panel of Eminent Persons on UN Civil Society Relations, he is also a member of the steering committee of the World Economic Forum's Global Governance Initiative. He chaired the International Facilitation Group of the Global Call to Action against Poverty (GCAP) campaign in 2005 and he still chairing the GCAP, planning joint civil society mobilisations around trade, debt, aid and demands to national governments.

Valtteri **Niiranen** (Helsinki, 1967) - After having completed his compulsory military service in 1988, he studied law and graduated as Master of Laws (LL.M.) in 1992. While working at the Ministry of Education and Culture (Helsinki, Finland) with Copyright Legislation and Policy (1994-1995), he studied and obtained a post-graduate LL.M. degree majoring in EU and Comparative Law in 1997. His working experience with publishing industry started in 1996, by serving as book/newspaper/magazine publishing associations' Copyright and Media Legislation Expert. Later Niiranen was appointed as Director of Legal Affairs of the Federation of Finnish Media Industries in 2001 (Helsinki, Finland) in which position he worked until 2004. Since 2004 Niiranen's job has been with ENPA – European Newspaper Publishers' Association (Brussels, Belgium) where he is working as its Director. He has also obtained an Executive MBA degree from IE Business School (Madrid, Spain) in 2008. His seven published works (authored, co-authored or edited) range from Copyright to Media Legislation and from Freedom of Expression issues to “Europeans Read Newspapers 2007”, and he is a regular columnist to newspaper industry's trade publications.

Valentino **Parlato** (Tripoli, 1931) - Resided in Libya until November 1951, when the British Military Administration (B.M.A.) ordered that he be arrested and expelled from Libya, with other four people, on the charge of being a dangerous communist. Having settled in Rome, Italy, he graduated in law while working for Italian Communist Party (P.C.I.) organizations. He was a staff editor at the newspaper *L'Unità*, where he covered the news from the Province of Rome. He then chaired the organization of small tradespeople, which would later be called Confesercenti (Federation of Italian Trade). He worked subsequently at the Economy Section of P.C.I., which was supervised by Giorgio Amendola at the time. Staff editor for the magazine *Politica ed Economia*, he worked in P.C.I. Regional Section in Apulia under the supervision of Alfredo Reichlin in 1963-1964. Economic editor of the magazine *Rinascita* from 1964 to 1969, when he was expelled from P.C.I. for his participation in the group of “Il Manifesto”. He has been working for the daily paper “Il Manifesto” ever since.

Gordan **Paunovic** (1964, Belgrade) - Currently B92 Head of Corporate Social Responsibility Affairs. One of the founding members of Radio B92 in 1989, Member of Radio B92 editorial board (1993-1999) and Head of B92 Website (1999-2005). As B92 Head of CSR, Paunovic was involved in several projects dealing with environmental issues, family violence, breast cancer, transitional poverty and many more. Under his lead and through different fundraising activities, B92 financed a number of extremely important social projects in Serbia such as Safehouses (shelters) for victims of family violence, mobile blood bank vehicles, mobile digital mammography units, etc. He's currently involved in the project of converting B92 into the first Serbian 'green' media. Gordan Paunovic is a mastermind behind B92 CSR policy as a social media broker between civil organizations (NGOs), business corporations and

state/government bodies, bringing them together in joint actions with a good cause. This policy made B92 winning the most prestigious Serbian CSR awards in past years (Virtus).

Rolando Picchioni (Como, 1936) - Executive Director of The World Political Forum, Italy. Graduated in Foreign Languages and Literatures at the University of Turin, he was a Councillor for Public Education in the Turin Provincial Administration between 1970 and 1975 and President of Turin's Repertory Theatre in the same period. He was then elected as a Member of the Italian Parliament for three terms and was Under-Secretary for the Cultural Heritage. He has also been President of the Piedmont Regional Council (1995-1998) and promoter of the "Stati Generali" of Piedmont. Currently he is President of the Foundation for Books, Music and Cultural Activities of Turin and Executive Director of The World Political Forum.

Peter Preston (Barrow, 1938) - Peter Preston was editor of The Guardian in London for 20 years. He is now co-director of The Guardian Foundation, running training courses and visits (many concerning environmental reporting) for journalists from all over the world. He has also been a foreign correspondent, political writer, features editor and production editor for the Guardian. Today, he writes a weekly page on media affairs for The Observer, as well as weekly columns for the Guardian. He is also chairman of the IPI in Britain, and a former international chairman.

Alexander Pumpianski (Russia, 1940) - Columnist in Novaya Gazeta, Editor-in-Chief of the weekly magazine Novoye Vremya (1990 – 2006) and International Press Institute board member (1992 – 2000). He is the author of a number of books and scripts for documentary films, including the participation in the Soviet-American serial "The Unknown War". His latest books are "Humpty Dumpty Sat on the Wall" (literary essays) and "Two Leaders. History as a Shipwreck" (political essays).

Vin Ray - He joined the BBC in CEEFAX in 1987 and moved on to work as a producer on the Nine O'Clock News under the editorship of Mark Thompson [BBC Director-general]. As a foreign field producer, Vin worked abroad on many stories, including the first Gulf War, the Gorbachev coup, and the Bosnian war. In the UK he was in charge of the field operation for the resignation of Margaret Thatcher, as well as numerous IRA bombings. He became TV Foreign Editor in 1993 and two years later became the bi-medial Foreign Editor across domestic TV and radio. In 1996 he was asked to merge the Newsgathering operations of the World Service and the domestic News and Current Affairs, becoming World News Editor, the first person to take charge of the BBC's entire foreign newsgathering operations. In 1999, as Executive Editor, he was asked to look at improving the storytelling skills of the BBC's reporters and correspondents. For several years, Vin had the additional role of recruiting and coaching all on-air talent for BBC News and gave many of the BBC's best known correspondents their first jobs in foreign news. He was described as 'a revered teacher' by Andrew Marr, one of the UK's leading broadcasters, who, along with many others, he trained and coached through his transition to broadcasting. Author of two books: "The Reporter's Friend" and "The Television News Handbook". He is Director of the BBC College of Journalism.

Roberto Reale - Teacher at Padua University's Masters in Journalism and Science Communication. He is Secretary of the non-profit organisation Information Safety and Freedom, which deals with the defence of freedom of expression around the world, and in particular his work focuses on how the relationship between citizens, media and democracy has changed after 9/11. He is the author of several books, among which: "Non Sparate ai giornalisti. Iraq: la guerra che ha cambiato il modo di raccontare la guerra" (Ed. Nutrimenti), "Finestre di Libertà: i blog e la repressione nella Rete" (Ed Polistampa), "Ultime Notizie. Indagine sulla crisi dell'informazione in Occidente. I rischi per la Democrazia" (Ed. Nutrimenti)

and the recent "Doppi Giochi". He is Vice-Director of RAI NEWS 24, of which website he is also in charge.

Jean Reveillon - He was Deputy Director-General and Director of broadcasting at France 3 as of December 1999. From 1992 to 1998, Director of sport at France 2 and France 3. From 1990 to 1992, he was Director of France 3 Nord/Pas-de-Calais/Picardie and from 1984 to 1990 Director of development at La Voix du Nord. From 1967 to 1984, Réveillon worked as a sports journalist, deputy head and then head of sports services at La Voix du Nord (regional daily) and editor-in-chief of La Voix des Sports. He is the author of two books: "Le Dakar, une aventure, un rêve" (1984 - Presse de la Cité) and "Le désert au coeur" (1989 - Olivier Orban). Jean Réveillon is a knight of the Légion d'Honneur (2005) and of the Ordre National du Mérite, winner of the Prix Henri Desgranges awarded by the Académie des Sports (1998), holder of the Medal of Honour of the Senate (1997) and the Trophée Lumière du Communiquant Nord/Pas-de-Calais (1999). Jean Réveillon took up the position of EBU Secretary General on 1 February 2004. Following certain changes to the EBU statutes, Jean Réveillon became EBU Director General, effective 5 July 2007.

Roberto Savio - Graduated in Economics, he was responsible for the Italian Christian Democratic Party's relations with developing countries before becoming international press chief for Italian Prime Minister Aldo Moro. He was then Director for News Services for Latin America with RAI, Italy's national broadcaster, and in 1964 he founded Inter Press Service (IPS), a non-profit co-operative of journalists and experts specialising in global communications for development, acknowledged by the UN. Founder and managing director of the Technological Information Pilot System (TIPS), a major UN project to implement and foster technological and economic co-operation between developing countries, he has also been actively involved with international communication issues, introducing the Development Press Bulletin Service Tariff in UNESCO's International Commission for the Study of Communication Problems. He is Secretary General Emeritus of the Society for International Development (SID), Senior Advisor for Strategies and Communication to the Director General of the ILO and Member of the Board of Directors of the North-South Centre of the Council of Europe. Requested to take part in the International Committee of Porto Alegre World Social Forum since it was established, he was Coordinator of the "Media, Culture and Counter-Hegemony" thematic area of the III World Forum in 2003 and Secretary General the foundation of Media Watch International, based in Paris. He received a number of awards for TV documentaries, produced films and published several books, the latest of which is *Verbo America*, dealing with the cultural identity of Latin America. Deputy Chairman, Scientific Committee WPF, Italy

Joel Simon - He worked as a journalist in California and Latin America before joining CPJ as Americas program coordinator in 1997. He began his career as a writer and photographer based in Central America, focusing on Guatemala's civil war. After obtaining a master's degree in Latin American studies from Stanford University, Simon moved to Mexico City in 1989 where he worked as an associate editor for Pacific News Service and as a freelance writer and photographer for a number of U.S. publications. In Mexico, Simon covered immigration, environmental issues, and the debate over the North American Free Trade Agreement. From 1991 to 1994, he was based in San Francisco and worked as a contributing editor to SFWeekly. He returned to Mexico in 1994 to report on the Zapatista uprising in Chiapas as a freelance correspondent for the San Francisco Chronicle. Over the next three years, he covered the peso devaluation and resulting political upheaval in Mexico while making several reporting trips to Cuba. Simon's book on Mexico's environmental crisis, "Endangered Mexico: An Environment on the Edge", was published by Sierra Club Books in 1997. Simon was promoted to deputy director in 2000 and in that capacity participated in CPJ missions to Zimbabwe, Mozambique, Yugoslavia, Tajikistan, Mexico, Colombia, and the Gambia. He has written widely on press issues, including press freedom and international law, for Columbia

Journalism Review, Slate, Newsday, and others. Simon became executive director in July 2006.

Alison Smale - Managing Editor Alison Smale is second-in-command of the IHT's Paris newsroom. As such, she organizes the day's news report and plans coverage for the days ahead and is also involved in planning the future development of the paper. Ms. Smale came to the IHT from The New York Times, where she had been deputy foreign editor since March 2002. She joined the Times in July 1998 as weekend foreign editor. As AP Vienna bureau chief for Eastern Europe, Ms. Smale has covered the fall of communism across Eastern Europe, the troubled transitions of Romania and Bulgaria, the rise of Slobodan Milosevic and Serbian nationalism, the increase of separatist tendencies in the former Yugoslavia and its eventual slide into war. She also chronicled from Moscow the transition from Andropov through Chernenko to Gorbachev. Ms. Smale was in New York on Sept. 11 and organized much of the prize-winning New York Times coverage of the war in Afghanistan and the later war in Iraq.

Stephen Somerville - British journalist and media consultant. Stephen Somerville's main career was with Reuters news organisation as a journalist and manager. His principal posts included: correspondent in Africa (Congo), bureau chief in Vietnam (Saigon), news editor in Paris, chief correspondent in the Middle East (Lebanon) and editor-in-charge, London. Director and Trustee of Reuters Foundation, responsible for developing a global corporate social responsibility and educational policy. The Foundation's media training programme started in 1990 with practical courses on general and financial reporting for younger journalists from the developing world. It then reached out to the post-Soviet countries and expanded its content to cover environmental, health and post-conflict issues. In 1997 Somerville founded Reuters AlertNet, a specialised web service of news and data on disaster relief for humanitarian and emergency aid organisations. Somerville acts now as an independent media consultant and editor for clients in the UK and elsewhere, including the annual Eurasian Media Forum in Almaty, Kazakhstan, as well as contributing to a range of charitable and voluntary projects.

Francesca Unsworth - Since January 2005 Head of BBC Newsgathering, the world's largest broadcast Newsgathering operation with 41 international bureaux and seven in the UK and Ireland. Prior to her appointment, Unsworth spent several years based at Westminster as Head of BBC Political Programmes. The unit ran the political news coverage and TV and radio programmes such as *Question Time*, *This Week* and *Today in Parliament*. Francesca has spent all of her journalistic career in the BBC beginning in local radio in Bristol and Leicester, before becoming a producer on Radio 1's Newsbeat. Between 1990 and 1993 she was a senior producer of Radio 4's *The World At One* and *PM*. In 1990, she travelled to Washington to work as a BBC network radio producer during the Gulf crisis and Gulf War. She moved to Newsgathering and ran the BBC's Home News coverage, including events such as the Paddington train crash, Stansted hijacking and award-winning coverage of Northern Ireland.

Monique Villa - Chief Executive of the Reuters Foundation, she is a business leader with broad international media industry experience and a strong record of success in launching high profile initiatives and growing revenues. Managing Director of Reuters Media and Chairman of Action Images until May 2008, Monique is a French national, and has been managing the picture and text news business for the Reuters News Agency in the last six years. She has transformed the picture business and negotiated important deals for Media and Editorial, including the recent partnership with the International Herald Tribune to jointly produce their business pages, both in print and online. The first part of her career was in Agence France-Presse (AFP) where she held a number of senior journalistic and management positions. As a correspondent with AFP she reported for a number of years from Paris and Rome, became Deputy Head of its political news service, then Bureau Chief for UK and Ireland, based in London. In 1996, she became Director of Strategy and Business

Development at the headquarters in Paris, with responsibility for AFP's major partnerships worldwide.

Oliver Vujovic - He started his career in 1988 as a freelancer in South East Europe for media in Germany, Austria, Switzerland, Scandinavian countries and UK. He published also articles in several print media in South East Europe. Vujovic had in this period as journalist/correspondent over 400 interviews with leading persons in South East Europe, and he published in total over 3500 different articles in print media. He was then correspondent of the Austrian daily Die Presse in Belgrade. The Belgrade Federal Minister of Information decided to recall his accreditation, and Oliver Vujovic reported between 1994 and 1997 from Skopje (Macedonia) and Szeged (Hungary). Between 2001 and 2004, he has been Advisor for the Balkan Südosteuropäischer Dialog. Editor, co-editor, author or co-author in books, publications, research articles and magazines. He is editor of the SEEMO Media Handbook (annual publication) and publisher of the De Scripto magazine. Some of publications were he was the editor are: Guide for Investigative Reporters, Investigative Reporting in SEE etc. He is currently Secretary General of the South East Europe Media Organisation - International Press Institute affiliate.

Davide Zoggia - He has been elected President of the Province of Venice in 2004. Previously he was Town Counsellor and then Mayor of the town of Jesolo (VE), and then became Counsellor in charge of Tourism, Personnel and Computer Science at the Province of Venice, starting the process for quality certification of tourist enterprises in the Venetian area. In the field of the Computer Sciences he has launched the project "Poloest", the site that now guarantees free Internet access to town councils, schools and non-profit associations. In 1999 he was appointed Counsellor in charge of Public Jobs and Vice-President of the Province of Venice, giving a strong impulse to the reorganizing process of the local road net and to the expansion of scholastic structures. In his function of President of the Province of Venice he is personally in charge of Institutional business, Information and Communication, Organizational Innovation, Metropolitan Province, St. Servolo and Special Laws for Venice. He his the promoter of the project "Ethical Province".