

Journalism

in touch with the future

IFJ World Congress, May 25th - 28th 2010

Journalism: In Touch with the Future

Congress programme

May 24, afternoon: Meeting of Executive Committee

May 25

Pre-Congress Conference meeting in co-operation with Spanish affiliates to mark 200th anniversary of Spanish press law:

200 years of Journalism – A Noble Past and Uncertain Future

Launch of the IFJ Future of Journalism Report

The official opening of Congress will follow in late afternoon/early evening, including official statements of welcome and address of IFJ President.

Congress Day One - May 26

Opening: Election of Presidium, Agreement of Working Rules

Video of IFJ Activities 2007-2010

Presentation of General Secretary's Report

Questions and interventions by unions

Appointment of Commissions: Finance and Constitution, Working Programme and Motions

Lunch

Panel One: Journalism Futures – Ethics and the Union Vision

Key Note Speech John Nichols, Free Press and author of *'The Death and Life of American Journalism: The Media Revolution that Will Begin the World Again'*

Presentation of IFJ Report

Focus on Response of Journalists' Unions

The Challenge of Jobs and Standards

Four Rapporteurs from Future Conference

Gender Focus: Will Quotas Make Women Equal?

Organisation of Session in preparation.

Congress Day Two - May 27

Panel Two: Rights and the Journalist

Conversation with the world's human rights leaders:
Keynote address: **Irina Bokova**, UNESCO Director General

Panel

Faith Pansy Tlakula, Special Rapporteur on Freedom of Expression, African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights

Dunja Mijatovic OSCE Representative on Freedom of the Media

Catalina Botero, Special Rapporteur on Freedom of Expression, Inter-American Commission on Human Rights

Coffee

Commission meetings and preparation of Elections

Lunch

Panel Three: IFJ Futures – Fighting Back Across the Globe

Presentation of the IFJ Working Programme 2010-2013

Regional Perspectives: Europe, Africa, Middle East and the Arab World, Latin America, and Asia

Coffee

Debate on Congress Motions

Congress Day Three - May 28

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Elections: President, Vice Presidents and Treasurer, Executive Committee

Debate on Congress Motions - Closure

Meeting of New Executive Committee

It has already been agreed to organise short meetings on the first day with the delegates in their regional groups to receive briefings on the Congress programme from regional officers.

Election of Presidium:

We have asked for suggestions from unions for membership of the Presidium and for nominations for tellers

Congress Briefing:

We are preparing a guide to Congress for all delegates.

Congress blog:

A discussion forum has been created on the IFJ web-site to begin discussions on some of the main issues to be discussed.

Financial discussion:

The Treasurer and the General Secretary have initiated a discussion on IFJ policy related to fees and finances. These matters will be discussed in the context of the Treasurer's