

# Journalism

in touch with the future

IFJ World Congress, May 25<sup>th</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup> 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 200<sup>th</sup> 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