📅 **81ˢᵗ GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2025**

INTER AMERICAN PRESS ASSOCIATION

📍 Punta Cana, Dominican Republic
🗓️ From October 16 to 19, 2025

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🗓️ **THURSDAY, OCTOBER 16ᵗʰ** – *INAUGURATION*

🌞 Morning

🔷 10:00 – 12:30 | 🏛️ Executive Committee Meeting.

🔷 12:30 – 14:00 | 🍽️ Lunch. Westin Punta Cana.

🏙️ Afternoon

🔶 16:00 – 17:30 | 🎤 Opening Ceremony.

Introduction by the President of the Host Committee, Persio Maldonado, *El Nuevo Diario*, Dominican Republic

🏛️ **Official Opening of the Assembly.** Speeches by the President of Dominican Republic, Luis Abinader and the President of the Inter American Press Association (IAPA), José Roberto Dutriz, *La Prensa Gráfica*, El Salvador.

17:30 – 18:30 PM |👨🏿‍🦰 **Special Presentation.** Jon Lee Anderson, *The New Yorker*, in conversation with the Chair of the IAPA Executive Committee, Gabriela Vivanco, *La Hora*, Ecuador.

🔶 19:30 | 🍸 **Welcome Cocktail.**
📍 Residence of Mr. Frank Rainieri, President and CEO of Puntacana Group.
👥 Informal gathering among directors, guests, and members.

📅 **FRIDAY, OCTOBER 17ᵗʰ** – *FREEDOM OF THE PRESS: DEMOCRACY AT RISK*

🌼 Morning

10:00 – 13:00 🛠 **Workshop paralell to the main program on Opinion Journalism taught by Boris Muñoz**, founder of the Opinion section of *The New York Times* in Spanish

9:00 – 9:40 | 🛑 **Anatomy of Authoritarian Advancement: A Manual of Tactics and Their Effect on the Media.** Andrés Mompotes, *El Tiempo*, Colombia and Daniel Dessein, *La Gaceta*, Argentina. Moderator: Martha Ramos, *Organización Editorial Mexicana (OEM),* Mexico.

9:40 – 10:20 | 🧨 **Journalism under attack in hostile territories.** Rodrigo Salazar Zimmermann, Consejo de la Prensa Peruana (CPP), Peru; Joseph Guyler Delva, SOS Journalistes, Haiti and Mario Alejandro Sandoval, *Prensa Libre*, Guatemala. Moderator: Carlos Jornet, *La Voz del Interior*, Argentin).

10:20 – 10:50 | ☕ **Networking Café**

10:50 – 11:50 | 🎙 **Collaboration in investigative journalism for accountability.** Hugo Alconada Mon, *La Nación*, Argentina and Marina Walker Guevara, Pulitzer Center, United States. Moderator: Andrés Mompotes, *El Tiempo*, Colombia.

11:50 – 12:30 | ⚖️ **Judicial harassment and censorship.** Luciano Pascoe, *TV Azteca*, Mexico; César Coll, *ABC Color*, Paraguay and Sebastián Pastor, *Televicentro*, Honduras. Moderator: Martha Ramos, OEM, Mexico.

12:30 – 13:00 | 🛠️ **Presentation: Innovate to Report Freely.** Alejandro José Lorenzo Edreida, Protecmedia, Spain.

13:00 – 14:30 | 🍴 **Lunch.**

🏙️ Afternoon

14:30 – 15:20 | 🌎 **Journalism and resilience in exile.** Luz Mely Reyes, *Efecto Cocuyo*, Venezuela; Boris Muñoz, Venezuela and Carlos Fernando Chamorro, *Confidencial*, Nicaragua, in conversation with Carlos Lauría (IAPA), United States.

15:20 – 15:50 | 🏆 **Presentation of the Chapultepec Grand Prize to the Thomson Reuters Foundation.** Recived by Carolina Henriquez-Schmitz, director of TrustLaw. Presented by Michael Greenspon, *The New York Times*, United States.

15:50 – 16:10 | 🕵️ **Presentation: Media of public interest and freedom of the press.** Pablo M. Fernández, International Fund for Public Interest Media, IFPIM.

16:10 – 16:40 | ☕ **Networking Café**

16:40 – 17:30 | 💬 **Closing Session**: **Freedom of the press in the United States and the power of local journalism.** Sonal Shah, *Texas Tribune*, United States in conversation with María Lorente *AFP*, Latin America.

17:30 – 18:00 | 🎖️ **Presentation of the Great Friend of the Press Award to Redacciones 5G.** Received by Pedro López Matheu. Presented by: Pablo Deluca, Infobae, Argentina.

🌙 19:30 | **Dinner with live music at SBG Punta Cana (formerly Bachata Rosa, a venue created by Juan Luis Guerra).** Buses leave the hotel at 7:30 p.m.

📅 **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18ᵗʰ** – *INNOVATION, SUSTAINABILITY, AND DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION*

🌞 Morning

> 10:00 – 12:30 | ⚒ **Workshop parallek to the main program with Mariana Alvarado on Gemini, Google's generative artificial intelligence.**

09:20 – 10:00 | ⚙ **Innovation and regulation: a dialogue for the news ecosystem.** Paul Deegan, News Media Canada, Canada in conversation with Martín Etchevers, *Clarín*, Argentina.

10:00 a 10:30 | ⚒ **Presentation: Deciphering Social Video Trends for Publishers in Latin America.** Julia Schvartzer, Chartbeat, United States.

10:30 – 11:00 | ☕ **Networking Café**

11:00 – 11:40 | 🌎 **Presentation: AI, Google, and the news ecosystem.** Rodrigo Bonilla, Google, Hispanic America.

11:40 – 12:20 | 🧪 **Building resilient media: corporate responsibility.** Frank Rainieri, President and CEO of Puntacana Group; Roberto Herrera, CEO of Interenergy Group and Ligia Bonetti, Executive President of SID Group. Moderator: Persio Maldonado, *El Nuevo Diario*, Dominican Republic

12:20 – 13:00 | 🏅 **Presentation of the Grand Prize for Freedom of the Press to Daniel Coronell**, president of news at *Univision*. Presented by: Roberto Rock, *La Silla Rota*, Mexico.

🍴 13:00 – 14:30 | 🍴 Lunch.

🏙 Afternoon
14:30 – 15:10 | **The AI tsunami: opportunities and threats**. Rosental Calmon Alves, Knight Center for Journalism in the Americas, in conversation with Carlos Jornet, *La Voz del Interior*, Argentina.

15:10 – 15: 50 | 🤖 **Artificial Intelligence applied in newsrooms.** Gerardo Garza, *Vanguardia*, Mexico; Ivett Chicas, *The Associated Press*, United States and Juan Aurelio Arévalo, *El Comercio*, Peru. Moderator: Néstor Altuve, business consultant, Panama.

15:50 – 16:20 | ☕ **Networking Café**

16:20 – 17:00 | 🎙 **Presentation: Author AI: Artificial intelligence as a producer of differentiated content.** Mauricio Cabrera, *Story Baker*, Mexico.

17:00 – 17:40 | 🌸 **Leading and Entrepreneurship: Feminist journalism projects.** Bianca Muniz, *Agência Pública*, Brazil and Alejandra Crail, *El Universal*, Mexico. Moderator: Graciela Rock*, La Cadera de Eva*, Mexico.

17:40 – 18:10 🏅 **Presentation of the Executive of the Year Award to René Picado Cozza**, CEO de Teletica, Costa Rica. Presented by: Pierre Manigault, *Evening Post Publishing*, United States.

18:10 – 19:00 | 🏆 **IAPA 2025 Excellence in Journalism Awards Ceremony.**

20:30 | 🌙 **Dinner on the private beach of the Westin Punta Cana hotel.**

📅 **SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19ᵗʰ** – *FUTURE AND TRAINING*

🌞 Morning
09:00 – 10:15 | **Approval of reports, resolutions, and conclusions. Appointment of new officers and members of the IAPA Board of Directors.**

10:15 – 11:00 | 📜 **CLAEP and training the journalist of the future.** Juan David Bernal, Executive Director, Latin American Council for Accreditation of Education in Journalism and Communication (CLAEP) and Juan Camilo Hernánez, La Sabana University, Colombia. Moderator: Gilberto Urdaneta, *El Regional del Zulia*, Venezuela.

11:00 – 11:45 | 🤝 **The role of national associations in addressing the challenges of artificial intelligence.** Werner Zitzmann Colombian Media Association (AMI), Colombia; Andrés D'Alessandro Association of Journalistic Entities of Argentina (ADEPA), Argentina and Rodrigo Salazar Zimmermann, Peruvian Press Council (CPP), Peru. Moderator: Daniel Dessein, *La Gaceta*, Argentina.

11:45 – 12:30 | 🗣 **Closing discussion:** Laura Gil, Assistant Secretary General of the Organization of American States (OAS) and Martha Ramos, *OEM*, Mexico.

12:30 a 13:00 | **IAPA Presidential Transition and Closing Ceremony.**

13:00 – 14:30 | 🍴 **Closing lunch.**