

IAPA Grand Prize for Press Freedom

The history of the IAPA Awards begins in 1953.

In that year, Mergenthaler donated \$ 2,500 so that, in the next 25 years, journalists from the continent who have stood out for defending freedom of expression would be awarded. The President of the IAPA upon receiving this contribution indicated that these awards were to be determined by a special committee that since then works with the name of Awards Committee.

In 1954, a prize of \$ 500.00 was awarded for the first time to a journalist who has stood out for the defense of press freedom. From 1955 to date, the winners of the awards for the defense of press freedom have been the following:

2025	Daniel Coronell, President of News at Univision, the news division of TelevisaUnivision, United States.
2024	Journalism in Exile
2023	Carmen Aristegui, Mexican journalist.
2022	In Memoriam to the Mexican journalists killed between 2021 and October 2022. Posthumous award to colleagues who gave their lives to report truthfully in Mexico.
2021	Juan Lorenzo Holmann Chamorro, from Nicaragua; and Henry Constantín Ferreiro, from Cuba. The award is extended to independent journalists persecuted and imprisoned in both countries.
2020	Journalists and press workers of the Americas who lost their lives in the exercise of their profession due to Covid-19.
2019	Jineth Bedoya, Colombian journalist
2018	Independent Journalism of Nicaragua
2017	Luis Almagro, Secretary General of the OAS.
2016	AEDEP, Ecuadorian Association of Newspaper Publishers (Ecuador)
2015	Xavier Bonilla (Bonil) El Universo newspaper (Ecuador)
2014	ANDIARIOS, Asociación Colombiana de Editores de Diarios y Medios Informativos (Colombia)
2013	Magdalena Ruiz Guiñazú (Argentina) y Diego Cornejo Menacho (Ecuador)
2012	César Ricaurte, Fundamedios, (Ecuador)
2011	Robert J. Cox, (USA)
2010	Guillermo Zuloaga, Globovisión, Caracas, Venezuela
2009	Al Neuharth (USA)
2008	Vacant.
2007	Marcel Granier, RCTV, Caracas, Venezuela
2006	Alfredo Jiménez Mota, El Imparcial, Hermosillo, México
2005	La Nación de Costa Rica y their journalists, Giannina Segnini y Ernesto Rivera (Costa Rica)
2004	Francisco J. Ortiz Franco (póstumo), Semanario Zeta, Tijuana, México

2003	To the Venezuelan written, radio and television press: Bloque de Prensa, Cámara de Radio, Federación de Televisión, Colegio de Periodistas (Journalists' Association).
2002	Jesús Blancornelas, Zeta, Tijuana, México
2001	El Comercio, Lima, Perú; La República, Lima, Perú; La Industria de Trujillo, Lima, Perú; Caretas, Lima, Perú
2000	Prensa Colombiana
1999	Vladimiro Roca, Félix Bonne, René Gómez Manzano y Marta Beatriz Roque (Cuba)
1998	Germán E. Ornes, El Caribe, Santo Domingo, República Dominicana
1997	Elie Abel, Washington, DC
1996	Buró de periodistas independientes de Cuba; Habana Press; Cuba Press; Patria; Asociación de periodistas Independiente de Cuba
1995	Fernando Guier (Costa Rica); Leonard Marks (Estados Unidos); German E. Ornes (El Caribe); Horacio Aguirre (Estados Unidos); Richard Dyer (The Tico Times, Costa Rica); Héctor Dávalos (Novedades de Acapulco); George Beebe, James Canel
1994	Manuel de Dios Unanue (Colombia)
1993	Eustorgio Colmenares (Colombia)
1992	Guillermo Martínez Márquez (USA)
1991	Ricardo Elvio Trotti, Liberal, Santiago del Estero, Argentina
1990	Elizardo Sánchez Santa Cruz, Hubert Jeréz e Hiram Abi Cobas (Cuba)
1989	Colombian Journalists "Who work courageously and fearlessly for Freedom of the Press, condemning the murderous drug cartels and who have suffered so much for their courage and convictions" (Collective).
1988	Roberto Eisenmann y Winston Robles, La Prensa, Panamá, Panamá
1987	Guillermo Cano (Postumo) El Espectador, Bogotá, Colombia
1986	Germán E. Ornes, El Caribe, Santo Domingo, República Dominicana
1985	Aldo Zuccolillo, ABC Color, Asunción, Paraguay
1984	Leslie Pierre, The Grenadian Voice, Granada
1983	Vacant.
1982	Pedro Joaquín Chamorro Barrios, La Prensa, Managua, Nicaragua y Keneth Gordon, Trinidad Express, Puerto España
1981	Vacant.
1980	Emilio Filipi Murato, Revista Hoy, Santiago, Chile
1979	Vicente Izaguirre (Aceptó premio a nombre de los presos políticos cubanos) (Cuba)
1978	William B. Williamson, Brazil Herald, Rio de Janeiro, Brasil
1977	Germán E. Ornes, El Caribe, Santo Domingo, República Dominicana
1976	Jorge Remonda Ruibal, La Voz del Interior, Córdoba, Argentina
1975	Enrique Zileri Gibson, Caretas, Lima, Perú y Arturo Salazar Larraín, La Prensa, Lima, Perú
1974	Julio de Mesquita Neto, O Estado, Sao Paulo, Brasil

1973	Penny Lernoux, Copley News Service (EE.UU)
1972	Arturo Fontaine, El Mercurio, Santiago, Chile
1971	Carlos Castello Branco, Jornal do Brasil, Brasil
1970	Bernardino de Jesús Sayago, El Liberal, Santiago del Estero, Argentina
1969	Sir Etienne Dupuch, The Tribune de Nassau, Bahamas
1968	Vacant.
1967	F. Genaro Greco, La Voz del Pueblo, Tres Arroyos, Argentina
1966	Héctor González Valenzuela, El Rancaguino, Rancagua, Chile
1965	Diario La Prensa, Managua, Nicaragua
1964	Vacant.
1963	John R. Reitemeyer, (EE.UU.)
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1959	Jorge Quintana, Bohemia, La Habana, Cuba
1958	Gabriel Cano, El Espectador, Bogota, Colombia
1957	Pedro G. Beltrán, La Prensa, Lima, Peru
1956	Antonio Oliva, La Crónica de Lima, Lima, Peru
1955	Roberto García Peña, El Tiempo, Bogotá, Colombia