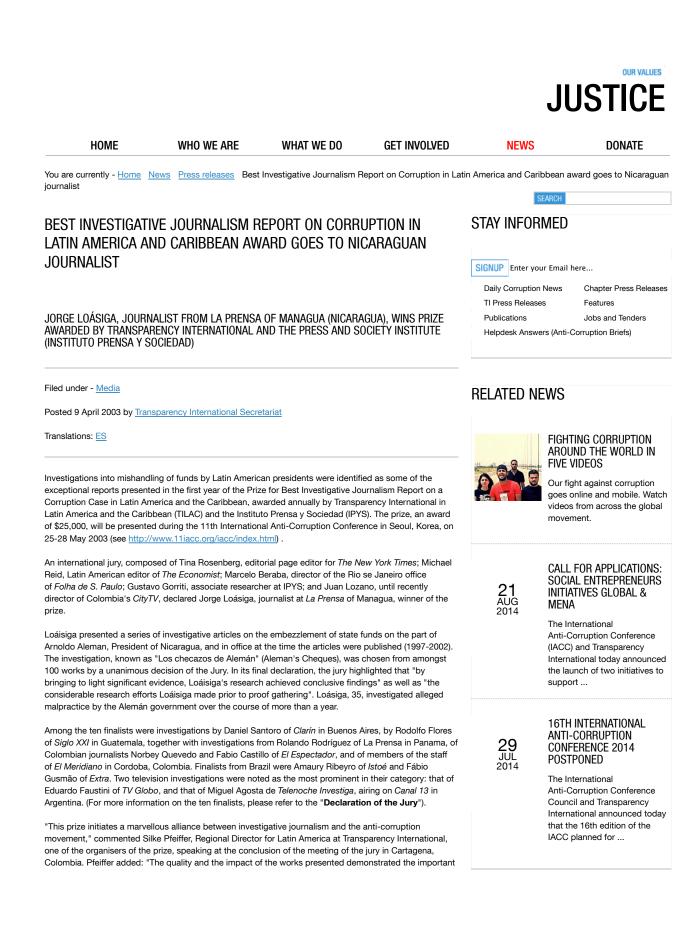


Best Investigative Journalism Report On Corruption In Latin America And Caribbean Award Goes To Nicaraguan Journalist

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role that investigative journalism plays in the search for truth and transparency in a region where there are such high levels of corruption."

Of the 96 works submitted, 41 referred to corruption cases in state activities, whereas other reports dealt with irregularities within the private sector (15), the armed forces (13) and the fight against drug trafficking (7). Two investigations reported on corruption within football championships. Finally, contestants were for the most part Colombia reporters, representing 29 of the submitted works. The journalists included 17 from Brazil and 10 from Argentina.

"The competition was a great success," said Ricardo Uceda, Executive Director of the Press and Society Institute, the second organiser of the prize. He added: "The quality of the works presented reveals the energy and high level of journalist investigations into corruption in Latin America."

The Award will be presented during the 11th International Anti-Corruption Conference in Seoul, Korea, on 25-28 May. (See http://www.11iacc.org/iacc/index.html). Later this year, the different investigative reports will be presented during an event for Latin American journalists.

Note:

The Prize for Best Investigative Journalism Report on a Corruption Case in Latin America and the Caribbean is awarded every year. Its organisers are the Transparency International Latin America and the Caribbean network (TILAC), the network comprising the various Transparency International (TI) chapters in the region, and the Press and Society Institute (IPYS). IPYS is a regional organisation of independent journalists promoting free press and investigative journalism.

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