

JOHN MANYARARA INVESTIGATIVE JOURNALISM AWARDS

The Media Institute of Southern Africa (MISA) identified Investigative Journalism as an important field of expertise, which is much needed in Southern Africa. To encourage investigative journalism and to award excellence in this genre, MISA inaugurated the John Manyarara Investigative Journalism Award on May 3, 2001. The awards are in honor of retired Judge John Oliver Manyarara, the founding Chairperson of the MISA Trust Fund Board (TFB) (1994-2000), who retired from the TFB on September 8, 2000.

The award seeks to recognize excellence in investigative journalism in any form of media in the SADC region.

Prizes:

Initially the award carried a 2000 Euro cash prize and a 10,000 Euro scholarship. From 2007 the award will be split into two; the John Manyarara Investigative Journalist of the Year and the John Manyarara Upcoming Investigative Journalist of the Year.

- A cash prize of 4000 Euros will be given to a journalist who has demonstrated outstanding investigative journalism work in 2007
- A cash prize of 2000 Euros and a scholarship of 6000 Euros will be awarded to an upcoming investigative journalist in a given year. The scholarship is intended to be used to further the recipient's journalism professional training.

The awards are given for an article or series of articles that demonstrate investigative skills and presentation of facts.

To qualify, entries must have been originally published or aired between January 1 and December 31, 2006 in any of the SADC countries. The entry must take the form of a single article or a series of articles on the same subject, published in a newspaper, journal, magazine or other print media, or on the Internet or aired on radio or TV. For broadcast media entries, a written transcript of the article or series of articles must be submitted together with details of when and where the broadcast was made. Articles entered must be in either English, French, or Portuguese.

Deadline: Entries should be sent by courier to Werani Chirambo, 21 Johann Albrecht Street, Windhoek West, Namibia or by airmail to her on Private Bag 13386, Windhoek Namibia. They can also be faxed to +264 61 248016 or emailed to communications@misa.org. Entries must reach MISA by **7 July 2007**. Alternatively entries can also be sent to your local MISA chapter

If you do not receive a confirmation of receipt for your entry, please make a follow up on your entry.

Judging Criteria

The Judges will be looking for work which:

- Demonstrates investigative journalistic skill and methodologies such as source building and data (physical or web based) searching, as well as depth and insight.
- Is newsworthy, with the news value clearly derived from investigative methodologies as above.
- Concerns an issue of interest to the African Public in all its diversity
- Interrogates society from all angles
- Required perseverance or bravely to realize
- Is the product of the reporter's own initiative and effort.
- Uncovers facts that someone or some agency may have tried to keep from public scrutiny
- Tells the story in a clear and balanced manner
- Was broadcast or published between 1 January and 31 December 2006, with proof supplied.

NB: The judging panel does not maintain a narrow focus on investigative journalism as corruption stories only but actively seeks to include stories that investigate the region in the interest of the public in all its diversity.

Judging will take place at the beginning of **August 2007** by a panel of independent judges with a knowledge and experience of journalistic practices in southern Africa. Panel members cannot vote on work entered by their organization, employees or family members. Should the quality of entries fall below the standard required, the Judges reserve the right not to select a winner. The judges' decision is final and binding. Submitted material will not be returned.

Rules of Entry

Entries should include a copy of the article in its original published form or, if sent by e-mail, should contain details of when and in which publication it was published or broadcast.

- All entrants must be southern African professional journalists/technicians working on the African continent for media organizations that are African-owned or principally based in the region or publish in southern Africa in a publication which is targeted at and received by an African audience.
- All entrants must be at least eighteen years of age.
- No entry fee is payable
- Employees (and their immediate families) of the Media Institute of Southern Africa and Forum for African Investigative Reporters are not eligible to participate in the competition.
- Each entry must have been published or broadcast in 2006

- Entries should include a copy of the article in its original published form or, if sent by email (if possible with URL), including details of when and where it was published or broadcast.
- Applicants are strictly limited to 2 entries; applications containing more than 2 entries per category will be disqualified
- The Judges uphold the integrity and reputation of the John Manyarara Investigative Journalism Awards and, as such, reserve the right to disqualify any piece of work and/or finalist if in the Judges' reasonable opinion there exists reasonable doubt about the authenticity and/or accuracy of the submitted piece.
- All entries will be judged on best practice and methodological criteria applying to investigative journalism.
- Finalists will be required to sign affidavits of eligibility and releases granting MISA, and all sponsors of the competition, the right to use their names, voices, pictures and work submitted, without compensation, in any media for the purpose of advertising/public relations and publicizing the services of the sponsors and all matters related to the competition.
- Entries should be made in accordance with the instructions given in the entry form and must be received on, or before 7 July, 2007 at one of the collection point addresses detailed on the form
- MISA and all sponsors of the competition will not accept liability for late or lost entries, and illegible or fraudulent entries or acts shall render the entrant ineligible.
- MISA will be entitled to assume ownership rights to all entries received and all entrants agree to execute any documents as may be necessary to transfer such ownership.
- Unless you expressly indicate otherwise, MISA shall be entitled to use the information you provide to notify you of any future John Manyarara Investigative Journalism Award competitions.
- The Judges' decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into.
- Two cash prizes, two trophies, and scholarship opportunity will be awarded in this award.
- There are no cash alternative to prizes. The sponsors reserve the right to substitute any prizes, of reasonably comparable value, in the event that the award prizes, for any reason, are, unavailable. Prizes are not transferable.
- In the event of any discrepancy between the English, French and Portuguese terms in the Francophone and the Lusophone category the English terms and conditions will prevail.
- MISA, NIZA, and FAIR disclaim any liability for loss to any person or property relating to the delivery and/or subsequent use of, or participation in, any of the prizes awarded. The winners agree to abide by any and all terms and conditions of the supplier(s) of the prizes.
- The promoter is MISA. For a complete list of winners, please e-mail; communications@misa.org

MISA has the right to refuse entries not complying with the above rules

Entry Form

PLEASE COMPLETE THIS FORM AS OUTLINED BELOW, TEAR OFF AND SUBMIT IT WITH EACH ENTRY.

BEFORE YOU BEGIN, HAVE IN HAND AND READY TO SEND IN ALL SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

- A scanned copy of the article(s) for which the nominee is cited. For broadcast media entries, a written transcript of the article or series of articles must be submitted together with details of when and where the broadcast was made. Articles entered must be in either English or Portuguese.
- A 200-word citation describing the particular journalistic accomplishment and techniques used in the investigation.

TITLE OF ENTRY: _____

PUBLICATION DATE(S): _____

NEWS ORGANIZATION: _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____

AUTHOR NAME(S): _____

PHONE: _____ FAX: _____

EMAIL: _____

EDITOR OR PUBLISHER NAME: _____

PHONE: FAX:

EMAIL: _____

IF NOT SELF NOMINATED PLEASE COMPLETE BELOW

NOMINATED BY: _____

MISA MEMBER (CIRCLE ONE)?:

YES

NO

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____

PHONE: _____ FAX: _____

EMAIL: _____

I HEREBY SUBMIT THIS ENTRY FOR NOMINATION IN THE JOHN MANYARARA INVESTIGATIVE JOURNALISM AWARD

PRINT NAME: _____

SIGNATURE: _____

DATE:

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