

2008 Awards

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Announcing the Thirteenth Annual UNCA Award Winners!

The UNCA is proud to announce the 2008 UNCA Awards Winners! On Thursday, December 4th, 2008 Secretary General Ban Ki Moon will formally recognize the following winners at the UNCA Awards Dinner at UN Delegates Dining Room in NYC.

This years UNCA Awards include the Elizabeth Neuffer Memorial Prize for written media (including on line media); the United Nations Foundation prize for any entry in any medium that best covers the humanitarian and development aspects of the U.N. and its agencies; and the Ricardo Ortega Memorial Prize for broadcast (electronic) journalism.

Winners for 2008

Elizabeth Neuffer Memorial Award for Best Overall Print Journalism, including on line media:

John Heilprin (Joint Gold Recipient) - Associated Press, USA - "for his coverage of Myanmar, and adroit use of his trip with the UN Secretary General to get in"

Bill Varner (Joint Gold Recipient) - Bloomberg News, USA - "for his serious analysis, investigation and coverage of issues in Afghanistan"

Ronda Hauben (Silver) - OhMyNews International, South Korea - "for her interesting and provocative coverage of issues at the UN, notably about the consequences of the permanent five's stranglehold on the Security Council"

UN Foundation Prize for Reporting on Humanitarian and Development Affairs:

Imelda Abano (Joint Gold Recipient) - Business Mirror, Philippines - "for her well written, well researched and comprehensive report and by someone from a country where misery is fairly ubiquitous but nowhere near as desperate"

Juan Carlos Machorro (Joint Gold Recipient) - Mi Ambiente, Mexico - "for a very well written, courageous report on Mexico's environmental problems"

Ricardo Ortega Memorial Prize for Broadcast Journalism:

Jugoslav Cosic (Joint Gold Recipient) - B92 Radio, Serbia - "A special award for courage in broadcasting in a region where accurate coverage of UN issues can be dangerous for a reporter's health"

Marie Lora (Joint Gold Recipient) - Agence France Press TV, Kenya - "for her coverage of Darfur's ongoing crisis"

Shoichiro Beppu (Silver) - NHK, Japan - "for a comprehensive and insightful report on the world food shortage"

Judges

Rob Skinner - UN Foundation

Jeffrey Laurenti - Century Foundation

Francis Gomez - ex-Foreign Service Officer and a founder of the National Association of Hispanic Journalists

Karl Meyer - World Policy Institute

Jose Luis Ortega