



**New Media: The Press Freedom Dimension  
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**o Abdul Waheed Khan, Assistant Director General/Communication, UNESCO**

Dr Abdul Waheed Khan has been Assistant Director-General for Communication and Information at the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) in Paris since July 2001.

In this capacity, he is responsible for: UNESCO's programmes and activities in communication and information, strategic planning for ICT interventions in development, providing leadership at global level in fostering digital opportunities for social and economic inclusion, representing UNESCO at major international events and fora in the field of information and communication, building alliances between public and private sector initiatives in ICT applications, and mobilizing resources for enhancing the scope of the programmes of the Communication and Information Sector.

**o Richard Winfield, Chairman, World Press Freedom Committee**

Richard N. Winfield was elected chairman of the World Press Freedom Committee in April 2006. His deep involvement in extending freedom of the press is reflected in his pro bono, volunteer work, his law school teaching and his previous law practice. Since 2002, Mr. Winfield has taught courses in comparative mass media law and American mass media and Internet law at Columbia and Fordham Law Schools.

Since the mid-1990s, Mr. Winfield has led the media law reform programs of the American Bar Association/Central European and Eurasian Law Initiative in numerous former Soviet bloc nations. More recently, the International Senior Lawyers Project, which he co-founded in 2000, has continued and expanded this work in Algeria, China, Japan, Jordan and Turkey.

For more than three decades, he served as general counsel of The Associated Press while a partner in the law firm of Rogers & Wells, now Clifford Chance US LLP. There, he defended AP and other media clients in hundreds of press freedom cases in the U.S. and abroad.

**o Timothy Balding, CEO, World Association of Newspapers, Paris**

Timothy Balding was named Chief Executive Officer of the World Association of Newspapers, the global trade organization for the press industry, in November 2005. He had been Director General since 1987, after joining WAN as Deputy Director and Editor of the association's magazine in 1985. Mr Balding, a Briton, is a former journalist. He worked for several newspapers in Britain, including the Oxford Mail, and was a political correspondent for Press Association, the news agency, before moving to France to join WAN in the early 1980s. WAN groups 18,000 publications in 102 countries and has consultative status to represent newspapers at the United Nations and its agencies.

**o Leslie Harris, Executive Director, Center for Democracy & Technology, Washington, D.C.**

Leslie Harris is the Executive Director of the Center for Democracy and Technology ("CDT"), a non-profit public policy organization dedicated to promoting the democratic potential of today's open, decentralized global Internet. [www.cdt.org](http://www.cdt.org). With experience in law, technology and public policy, CDT seeks to enhance privacy and free expression in global communications technologies and to forge consensus on public policy among all parties interested in the Internet and new communications technologies. In 2001, CDT launched the Global Internet Policy Initiative (GIPI) in partnership with Internews. GIPI fosters the growth of the Internet by providing training and assistance to Internet advocates in developing countries.

Ms. Harris is a civil liberties and communications lawyer who has been involved in a wide range of civil liberties issues and the Internet in the United States. She played a key role in the successful opposition to the Communications Decency Act, which sought to censor the Internet in the U.S., helped to launch a program that brought the Internet into U.S. schools and libraries, and more recently was involved in efforts to stop illegal wiretapping and to protect user privacy.

On behalf of CDT, Ms. Harris is co-facilitating a multi-stakeholder process with Business for Social Responsibility, which aims to draft principles to guide the responses of the Internet industry when faced with government measures that place user privacy and free expression rights at risk. The consultation groups international human rights and Internet policy groups, media advocates, leading technology and Internet companies and social investment funds to produce a framework for accountability and ongoing dialogue.

**o Guy Berger, Head, Journalism & Media Studies School, Rhodes University, Grahamstown, South Africa**

Prof. Guy Berger is head of the School of Journalism & Media Studies at Rhodes University. He was deputy Chair of the SA National Editors Forum 2003-4, and writes "Converse" - a fortnightly column for the Mail & Guardian online ([www.mg.co.za/converse](http://www.mg.co.za/converse)), where he frequently writes about ICT and press freedom issues. He is involved in Highway Africa, the largest annual meeting of African journalists in the world.

Berger was named one of “50 people to know in New Media” by the U.S.-based Online Journalism Review in 1998. In 2003, he was made an Associate Member of the World Technology Network in recognition of his work on Highway Africa over seven years. Berger has himself been involved in various multi-media website productions, including <http://journ.ru.ac.za/egazini>, [www.alivingstage.org](http://www.alivingstage.org), and <http://au.ru.ac.za>. He teaches journalistic writing and media policy, including Information Society and convergence issues, at the MA level.

**o Johann Fritz, Director, International Press Institute, Vienna**

Educated in Austria and the United States, Johann Fritz's early career was with an Austrian youth organization. In 1970 he joined the Austrian Economic League, where his duties included co-founding the Management Club and editing its magazine. From 1975-91, he managed the daily paper Die Presse and from 1975-83 was also Managing Director of Vienna Cable Television. In 1977 he co-founded Radio Adria, a radio station for German-speaking tourists in Northern Italy, with his wife, Brigitte. He became the Director of the International Press Institute (IPI) in 1992. In March 2000, he was awarded the title of Professor by the Austrian Federal Ministry of Science & Research and in 2003 he was awarded the Gold Medal for Meritorious Service to Vienna.

**o Pauls Raudseps, Editor of the Editorial Page, Diena daily, Riga, Latvia**

Pauls Raudseps is editorial page editor of Diena, the largest and most respected daily in Latvia. Mr. Raudseps is one of the newspaper's founders. He was born in the United States to Latvian parents, went to

Riga in 1990 to work for the Latvian independence movement, and has lived there since. He helped to create Diena's on-line version, and the editorial page cooperates closely with the paper's internet edition.

**o Fabricio Altamirano, Publisher, El Diario de Hoy, Chairman, Inter American Press Association's Internet Committee**

**o Georgia: Levan Berdzenishvili, Member of Parliament, Internet specialist, Tbilisi, Georgia**

Levan Berdzenishvili 53, Philologist, MP, Chairman of Civic Development International Center, an NGO for civic education and raising public awareness. He has long experience working in media, both print and electronic. As a member of Georgian Delegation to the Council of Europe, he belonged to its media sub-committee. As a chairman of CDIC, he has longstanding involvements in projects for professional journalists, including those of WPFCA.

**o South Africa: Elizabeth Barratt, Executive Editor/Multimedia and Training, The Johannesburg Star, and General Secretary, African Editors Forum, South Africa**

Elizabeth Barratt is an Executive Editor on The Star, the biggest quality daily newspaper in South Africa and one of the papers of Independent Newspapers SA, in

Johannesburg. She is in charge of training and multimedia. In her 25 years on The Star she has been a reporter, assistant news editor, subeditor (text and layout), editorial systems director, chief of staff, change agent, day editor and group editorial trainer. She was secretary-general of the South African National Editor's Forum (Sanef) for three years and deputy chairperson for two years, and is currently secretary-general of The African Editors' Forum (Taef). Last year she completed her MPhil-Journalism (cum laude) through the University of Stellenbosch.

**o Rwanda: Albert Rudatsimbura Bryon, Contact FM, Kigali, Rwanda**

Born in 1960 in Rwanda, his family fled to Europe after the first signs of genocide in 1962. He grew up and was schooled in Belgium, including university studies at The VUB (Brussels) and film school in St Lukas Instituut.

He became a professional in music production in 1985 and started his own audio and video production company, "Human Mix," in 1990.

After the war in Rwanda (1996), he was assigned to cover most of the historical news events in the Great Lakes region by international TV networks such as Reuters, WTN, etc.

"I had only one ambition in mind and this was to prove how media could contribute to better development, especially in a region where 'hate media' had done their part in destroying and smashing the society apart."

In 2004, he received a license to broadcast and started Contact FM -- "the most incredible journey of my life." The station links the motherland and the Diaspora. "In a culture of 'self-censorship,' our way of speaking out for everybody is a factor in boosting cultural enterprise and democracy. I strongly believe that raising Cultural Enterprise (CE) contributes strongly to general development in a country that has the vision to move from one of the poorest countries on the planet to a middle income state by the year 2020."

**o Abi Wright, Communications Director, Committee to Protect Journalists, New York**

Abi Wright most recently worked as CPJ's Asia program coordinator. She traveled throughout the region researching and documenting press freedom abuses, meeting with journalists and government officials, and reporting on breaking news stories. Much of her prior professional experience was as a TV news producer. She worked for two years as a producer in the NBC News Moscow bureau, reported in Iran for an ABC News documentary, traveled throughout the former Soviet republic of Georgia as an Internews consultant, and spent several months working with Memorial, one of the earliest and most important civic organizations in Russia. It led the way in digging out information on Stalin's crimes. She graduated from Barnard College in Russian studies.

**o Sein Win, Managing Editor, Mizzima online news service, New Delhi**

Sein Win is Managing Editor of the India-based Mizzima News ([www.mizzima.com](http://www.mizzima.com)),

a Burma-related news and multimedia outlet formed by a group of journalists in exile. A civil engineer, who graduated in Burma, he became a full-time journalist in 2002. He has been conducting journalism training for Burmese in India.

**o China: Sharon Hom, Director, Human Rights in China, New York**

**o Iran: Karin Deutsch Karlekar, Managing Editor, Freedom of the Press Survey, Freedom House, New York**

Dr. Karlekar manages the Freedom of the Press project at Freedom House. It focuses on producing an annual survey that tracks trends in media freedom worldwide. As well as coordinating the ratings and editorial process for the survey and writing a number of the country reports, she also serves as the spokesperson for Freedom House on media and press freedom issues and trends. She has conducted research and assessment missions to Nigeria, Afghanistan, Sri Lanka, and Pakistan, and has traveled extensively in Asia and Africa. She also represents Freedom House on the governing council of the International Freedom of Expression Exchange (IFEX) network, and in February 2006 was elected as IFEX Convenor.

**o Russia: Anton Nossik, Chief Blogs Officer, LiveJournal.com, SUP, Moscow**

Dr. Anton Nossik, 40, is a Moscow-born journalist, editor and Internet media manager. In 1996, he created Vecherni Internet, one of the first Russian-language stand-alone weblogs worldwide. In 1998-2000, Nossik created Gazeta.Ru, Lenta.Ru, Vesti.Ru and NTV.Ru (now NewsRU.Com) - Russia's leading online media websites. Joining the nascent LiveJournal.com Russian community as a blogger in early 2001, six years later he became Chief Blogging Officer with SUP Fabrik - a Moscow-based web 2.0 startup, now in charge of 820,000-strong LiveJournal Cyrillic community.

**o Omar Faruk Osman, General Secretary, National Union of Somali Journalists, Mogadishu, Somalia**

Omar Faruk Osman was born and raised in Mogadishu. He studied Management Science at Mogadishu University. He joined the journalism profession in early 1990s as a district reporter. He worked for both old and new media. He was chosen in 2002 as Secretary General of the independent Somali Journalists Network (SOJON), a professional association that advocates press freedom since the Somali transitional government enacted a restrictive media law. Omar also led the transformation of the Somali Journalists Network from a professional association into a trade union, the National Union of Somali Journalists (NUSOJ) in 2005. He has conducted a number of media development projects and press freedom advocacy activities. In 2006, he was re-elected Secretary General of NUSOJ for a second term.

**o Henrikas Yushkiavitshus, Media Consultant and former Vice Chairman, Gostelradio, Russia, and former Assistant Director General for Communication of UNESCO**

Chief of Lithuanian radio-television's technology department, 1960-66; Vice-Chairman of the Soviet State Committee for Television and Radio (Gostel-radio),

1966-1971 Director of Technical Center of International Radio and Television Organisation in Prague, 1971-1990; Assistant Director General/Communication, UNESCO, 1990-2001.

**o Zaid Mohseni, Tolo TV, Kabul, Afghanistan**

Zaid Mohseni is a Director and shareholder of Moby Media Group (MMG). He graduated in law and economics from Monash University, Melbourne, in 1992 and worked for 12 years as a lawyer, eventually becoming the Department Head and Partner of the boutique Melbourne law firm, Wilmoth Field Warne. He left it in 2004 to join MMG fulltime. It is a media group established by the Mohseni family in late 2002 after the demise of Taliban.

It owns and operates a number of media entities in Afghanistan, including: ARMAN FM, Afghanistan's first commercial radio network which has FM transmitters in 12 cities in Afghanistan; Tolo TV, Afghanistan's most popular TV station with free to air transmission in 12 cities in Afghanistan and satellite coverage in Central Asia; Lemar TV, Afghanistan's most popular Pashto language TV station with free to air coverage in eight cities and satellite coverage in Central Asia; Afghan Scene Magazine, an English language news colour magazine servicing the expat community; Barbud Music, a music recording company based in Kabul, plus various other media interests, including Aria Production, involved in feature and documentary films, serials, dubbing, music video clips and commercial advertising production.

**o Boris Bergant, RTV Slovenia, Ljubljana, Slovenia**

Boris Bergant is Adviser to the Director General of RTV Slovenia for International relations and Projects. A member of the Administrative Council of the European Broadcasting Union (EBU) since 1990, Mr Bergant has been Vice President of EBU since 1998. Representative of Slovenia in different media committees of the Council of Europe, Mr Bergant is currently Chairman of the Standing Committee on Transfrontier Television. A former President of Circom Regional, Mr Bergant is a member of the World Committee ISAS for standardization of broadcasting, Internet and press.

**o Mogens Schmidt, Director, Freedom of Expression Unit, UNESCO**

Mogens Schmidt was born in Holstebro, Denmark, in 1950. He studied Scandinavian Literature and Languages at the University of Aarhus, Denmark, from 1968 to 1974. From 1974 until 1981, he taught literature and mass communication at the University of Aarhus. In 1981, he was named Head of the unit for development of curricula at the Humanistic Faculty of the University of Aarhus. He was named Managing Director of the Danish School of Journalism in 1988.

He was an initiator of the European Journalism Training Association in 1989. He was involved in media assistance projects of the Danish School of Journalism, primarily in Central and Eastern Europe and in the Balkans, and also in Mongolia and southern Africa. In 1995, he became Director of the European Journalism Centre in Maastricht, Netherlands, and ran that further-training center for six years. In 2001, Schmidt joined the World Association of Newspapers as Assistant Director General with special responsibility for WAN's press freedom work and for its editors organization,

the World Editors Forum.

**o Sankarshan Thakur, Executive Editor, Tehelka online newspaper, India**

Sankarshan Thakur, 44, is Executive Editor of Tehelka. He began his career as Delhi correspondent for The Telegraph in 1984. He was previously Associate Editor of The Indian Express and of The Telegraph. Thakur is author of "Subaltern Saheb: Bihar and the Making of Laloo Yadav" and several monographs on contemporary issues like the Kargil War, Indo-Pakistan relations and rural poverty. Essentially a political journalist, Thakur has covered key events across the country and abroad. His areas of special focus have been Bihar, Kashmir and the rise of right-wing politics in India and its consequences. He won the Prem Bhatia award for excellence in political journalism in 2001. In 2003, he won the Appan Menon Fellowship to work on a book on Kashmir, which he is currently writing.

**o Neil Budde, General Manager, Yahoo!, Vice President and Editor in Chief, Yahoo! News, Sports and Finance, USA**

Neil Budde joined Yahoo! News in November 2004 as General Manager and helped build it into the most visited online news site in the world. In January 2007, he was promoted Editor in Chief over Yahoo! News, Yahoo! Sports and Yahoo! Finance, and now focuses on the content and editorial operations of these three sites. In 2005, Budde's team launched Yahoo!'s first foray into original multimedia news coverage with Kevin Sites in the Hot Zone, for which Kevin Sites received the 2006 Daniel Pearl Awards for Courage and Integrity in Journalism. Before joining Yahoo!, Budde was the founding editor and publisher of The Wall Street Journal Online. Budde's career began with a decade of experience as an editor and reporter at The Richmond Times-Dispatch, The Courier-Journal in Louisville, Ky., and USA Today. He earned a BA in journalism from Western Kentucky University and an MBA from the University of Louisville. He is on the board of directors of the Online News Association and is currently its treasurer. He recently joined the board of the California First Amendment Coalition.

**o Rosental Alves, Director, Knight Center for Journalism in the Americas, Austin, Texas, USA**

Professor Rosental Calmon Alves holds the Knight Chair in Journalism and the UNESCO Chair in Communication at the School of Journalism at the University of Texas at Austin. He is also the founding director of the Knight Center for Journalism in the Americas.

Professor Alves began his academic career in the United States in March 1996, after 27 years as a professional journalist, including seven years as a journalism professor in Brazil. He moved to Austin from Rio de Janeiro, where he was the managing editor and member of the board of directors of Jornal do Brasil. In 1991, Alves created the first Brazilian online news service, which served the network of Rio de Janeiro's Stock Market. In early 1995, he managed the launching of the first online edition of a newspaper in Brazil, Jornal do Brasil Online. In Austin, he created the first class on online journalism at the University of Texas in 1997, and since 1999, he hosts the

annual International Symposium on Online Journalism at the University of Texas - a unique conference, gathering professionals and scholars worldwide.

**o Nora Paul, Director, Institute for New Media Studies, University of Minnesota, USA**

Nora Paul is director of the Institute for New Media Studies at the University of Minnesota. Nora was previously (1991-2000) at the Poynter Institute (Florida) teaching news library management, computer-assisted research, and new media leadership. She was editor for information services at the Miami Herald from 1979-1991. She is the author of "Computer Assisted Research" and co-author of "Great Scouts," cyber-guides for subject searching and "Behind the Message: Information Strategies for Communicators." Her work at the Institute focuses on evolving digital story-telling forms.

**o Monique Villa, Managing Director, Reuters, London**

Monique Villa heads Reuters text, pictures and graphics services, which transmit around eight million words and 1,000 photographs around the world daily. She is also Chairman of Action Images, a specialist sports photography agency acquired by Reuters in September 2005.

A French national, she joined Reuters in 2000, from Agence France Presse (AFP), where she held a number of senior journalism and management positions. As a correspondent with AFP she reported for a number of years from Paris and Rome, became Deputy Head of its political news service, then London-based Bureau Chief for Britain and Ireland. In 1996, she became Director of Strategy and Business Development at the headquarters in Paris, with responsibility for AFP's major partnerships worldwide.

**o Aralynn McMane, Director, Young Readership Development, World Association of Newspapers, Paris**

Aralynn Abare McMane is director of youth readership development for the World Association of Newspapers. Dr. McMane coordinates newspaper activities involving the young around the world. These activities range from the Newspapers in Education Development Project supported by Norske Skog paper company, which introduces the newspaper as a tool in the classrooms of emerging democracies, to an assessment of how newspapers can make use of cutting-edge technology to build brand loyalty of youth. She joined WAN in 1995 to deal with youth activities and develop newspaper associations and newspapers themselves after working in the press and in journalism education.

**o Chris Schuepp, Coordinator, Young People's Media Network, UNICEF**

Chris Schuepp works as youth media consultant for the UNICEF Regional Office for Central and Eastern Europe and the Commonwealth of Independent States. Formerly a radio and TV journalist in Germany, Schuepp worked as Country Director for Internews Network in the Kyrgyz Republic (Central Asia) in 2000-2001 before joining UNICEF as coordinator of the Young People's Media Network. He holds a

degree from the Journalism Faculty at the University of Dortmund, Germany.

**o Roxana Morduchowicz, Director of Media Education, Argentinian Education Ministry, Buenos Aires**

Roxana Morduchowicz is director of media education for the Ministry of Education of Argentina. Previously, she directed newspapers in education programs for the association representing the eight newspapers of Buenos Aires. She is the author of several books and articles in this field, published in Latin America. She has been a consultant for WAN to introduce Newspapers in Education (NIE) to publishers and teachers in Macedonia and Francophone Africa. She has also been associated with UNESCO in Latin America, working with governments and newspaper associations throughout the region to develop NIE programs in new democracies in South America. Dr. Morduchowicz is a Professor of Communication and Education, Buenos Aires University, and a frequent visiting professor at the University of Paris. Her research, with the late Steven Chaffee of Stanford University, is a reference for testing effects of NIE on children's civic values.

**o Evelyne Bevort, Associate Director, Centre de Liaison de l'Enseignement et des Moyens d'Information, Paris**

Evelyne Bévort is Deputy Director of CLEMI (Centre de Liaison de l'Enseignement et des Moyens d'Information), the French Education Ministry's Liaison Center for Teaching and Media. The mission of CLEMI is to promote, especially by means of training, multiple use of news media in teaching, to encourage better understanding by pupils of the world while developing critical understanding. More at: <http://www.cleml.org/organisme/anglais.html>

**o Robert Barnard, Founder and Partner, D-Code, Canada**

In 1994, Robert Barnard co-founded D-Code - experts on the Information Age Generations (12-34 years). Mr. Barnard, along with an international network of emerging thought leaders known as "D-Coders," has worked across multiple industries and the public and private sectors to help organizations better understand, attract and retain the Information Age generations. He has always been an entrepreneur. At 19, he started Osprey Reef, a company producing beachwear clothing that he designed and manufactured. In 1991, he founded Generation 2000, a national youth organization whose mission was to get young people more involved in determining the future. Mr. Barnard was named one of 100 Canadians to watch by Maclean's Magazine in 1993 and one of Canada's Top 40 Under 40 in 1997. In 1998, he co-authored the bestselling book "Chips & Pop: Decoding the Nexus Generation." He has served on several not-for-profit boards including United Way, St. Steven's Community House, and, currently, Street Kids International. He is developing a new multinational youth research project with WAN.

**o Mary Lou Fulton, Vice President of Audience Development, The Bakersfield Californian newspaper, USA**

Mary Lou Fulton is Vice President of Audience Development for The Bakersfield Californian, an independently owned U.S. local media company in central California. Fulton is the founder of The Northwest Voice, one of the first citizen journalism

publications in the U.S. newspaper industry. Her new products group at The Californian also created the award-winning social media software that provides tools for blogging, profiles and social networking for nine local web sites.

Fulton's background spans both newspapers and technology. She started out in the newsroom, working for the Associated Press and later for the Los Angeles Times. Fulton moved to the online world in 1995 when she joined The Washington Post's new media division and later became Managing Editor of washingtonpost.com. Fulton also held senior management positions at a number of online companies, including America Online, GeoCities and HomePage.com. Fulton holds a BA in journalism from Arizona State University and a Master of Public Administration from Harvard's Kennedy School of Government.

**o Dr. Oh Yeon-Ho, Founder, Ohmynews online newspaper, South Korea**

Oh was born in 1964 in Gokseong, in southern South Korea. He graduated from Yonsei University in Korean literature in 1988.

Fresh out of school, he joined Mahl, a liberal Korean monthly magazine as a staff reporter. He continued his work in Mahl until 1999 as a chief of staff. In 1995-1997, he was Mahl's correspondent in Washington, D.C. Oh has published a number of independent books and collections of his experience in journalism in South Korea for the past 10 years. His latest book, "OhmyNews Story" talks about his personal journey for the past five years in launching OhmyNews and earning international recognition for his unique citizen reporter concept.

Six years before AP correspondents were awarded a Pulitzer Prize for their report on No Gun Ri massacre by American soldiers during the Korean War, Oh conducted comprehensive interviews with the survivors and reported the in-depth story on it for Mahl.

Oh launched his long-envisioned media experiment in February 2000 and named it OhmyNews. It has since rapidly grown to boast over 42,000 "citizen reporters" worldwide and 65 fulltime staff reporters, as of March 2006. It was named by the annual Sisa Journal survey in 2000 as the 10th most influential media in Korea, steadily moving up, to be ranked as the 6th most influential media by the same survey in 2004 and 2005. Oh earned a doctoral degree in journalism from Sogang University in 2005.

**o Steve Yelvington, Vice President, Morris Digital and Founder, Bluffton Today citizen news site, USA**

A longtime newspaper journalist, Steve Yelvington was founding editor of Star Tribune Online (later rebranded startribune.com) in Minneapolis in 1994 and built it into one of the top-ranked newspaper sites in the world. As executive editor and network content director for Cox Interactive Media, he supervised a nationwide network of city sites.

At Morris Communications, he led site design and development operations that

yielded more Digital Edge and EPpy awards than those of any other newspaper company. Editor & Publisher magazine presented him with the 2001 EPpy Award for Individual Achievement and the Newspaper Association of America presented him with the 2007 Online Innovator Award. He now concentrates on long-term vision, strategy, and innovation for Morris Digital Works. Yelvington has been a featured speaker at online news gatherings throughout the United States and in Britain, Germany, Switzerland, Spain, Sweden, Russia and China.

**o Karma Tshering Bhutia, Research Coordinator, Nepal Community Multimedia (CMC), Nepal**

Karma has more than four and half years experience in developing and coordinating community, new media, ICT and development projects. The program aims to innovate combinations of new and traditional technologies as a means to increase access to information, knowledge and opportunities for expression.

**o Declan McCullagh, Senior Writer, CNET News.com, San Francisco**

**o Ehab Elzelaky, Blog Editor, Al Dustour weekly, Cairo**

Ehab Mahmoud Elzelaky is Deputy Editor in Chief of the Egyptian weekly Al-Dustour. He's also Editor of Blogs Page in Al-Dustour (the first page dedicated to Egyptian bloggers in the Egyptian media) and the author of "Implacable Adversaries: Arab Governments and the Internet," describing the situation of Internet usage and freedom in 18 Arab countries, including the blogosphere in those countries (read the report at <http://www.openarab.net/en/reports/net2006/>).

**o Julien Pain, Head of the Internet Freedom Desk, Reporters Without Borders, Paris**

Julien Pain, 31, a journalist specialized in new media, has headed the Internet and Freedom Desk at Reporters Without Borders since September 2003. He heads the organization's lobbying and ad campaigns on online free expression. He wrote a report, "Internet Under Surveillance" in 2004 and was editor of the "Handbook for Bloggers and Cyber-Dissidents," which has been translated into seven languages. He is also the editor of [www.rsfblog.org](http://www.rsfblog.org), a website that offers a weekly international review of blogs.

**o David Banisar, Deputy Director, Privacy International, London**

David Banisar is Director of the Freedom of Information Project of Privacy International in London and a Visiting Research Fellow at the School of Law, University of Leeds, UK. Previously he was a Research Fellow at the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University and co-founder and Policy Director of the Electronic Privacy Information Center in Washington, D.C. He has also served as an advisor and consultant to numerous organizations including the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe, the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, Justice Canada, the Open Society Institute, Article 19, and Consumers International. He has worked in information policy for more than 15 years and is the author of numerous books, studies, and articles on freedom of information, freedom of expression and privacy.

**o Gerry Jackson, Founder/Station Manager, SW Radio Africa, Zimbabwe, London**

Gerry Jackson is the founder and station manager of SW Radio Africa - Zimbabwe's only independent radio station. Based just outside London, the station broadcasts to Zimbabwe and southern Africa on short wave and over the Internet. Its website also allows the estimated 4-5 million Zimbabwean exiles to access programming through live-streaming and archives. With the Zimbabwe government now jamming its short wave broadcasts, SWRA has begun an SMS campaign of news headlines.

**o Leonard Sussman, Senior Scholar, Freedom House, New York**

Leonard R. Sussman was for 21 years Executive Director of Freedom House and for 18 years thereafter its Senior Scholar for international communications. He has written extensively in newspapers and magazines worldwide. His 10 books include "Power, the Press and the Technologies of Freedom: The Coming Age of ISDN" (Freedom House 1989), "Press Freedom in Our Genes: A Human Need" (WPFC 2001), and "A Passion for Freedom: My Encounters with Extraordinary People" (Prometheus 2004). His articles on "The New World Information and Communication Order" and "Historic Aspects of Freedom of the Press" appear in the 4-vol. Encyclopedia of International Media and Communication (Routledge 2003). Forthcoming is his article "Freedom House" in the 4-vol. Encyclopedia of Human Rights (Routledge 2008).

**o Gary Kebbel, Journalism Program Officer, John S. and James L. Knight Foundation, Miami**

Gary Kebbel is the journalism program officer at the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation in Miami. He focuses on developing grants that advance digital media and citizen journalism. He was news director at America Online, where he trained and directed the team that built AOL News into one of the world's largest online news sites. He is a Fulbright Senior specialist in online journalism and has helped train U.S. public affairs and public information officers at the U.S. State Department's Foreign Service Institute. He helped create USAToday.com and Newsweek.com, and was a home page editor at washingtonpost.com. He has served as the graphics editor at USA Today and taught online journalism as an adjunct instructor at the University of Maryland's Philip Merrill College of Journalism.