



The World Congress of the International Federation of Journalists, meeting in Dublin in June 2013, has elected the members of the Administrative Committee and its advisers. They are as follows:

President, *Jim Boumelha, President (NUJ, Great Britain and Ireland)*
Senior Vice President, *Youness M'Jahed (SNPM, Morocco)*
Vice President, *Celso Schröder (FENAJ, Brazil)*
Vice President, *Jasmina Popovich (TUCJ, Croatia)*
Honorary Treasurer, *Wolfgang Mayer (Ver.di, Germany)*

NUJ General Secretary *Schave Jerome de Rozario* has been elected as IFJ Reserve Advisers for ASIA together with *Dharmasiri Lankapeligedara* from FMETU, Sri Lanka.

The International Federation of Journalists

The International Federation of Journalists is the world's largest organisation of journalists. First established in 1926, it was relaunched in 1946 and again, in its present form, in 1952. Today the Federation represents around 600.000 members in more than 100 countries.

The IFJ promotes international action to defend press freedom and social justice through strong, free and independent trade unions of journalists.

The IFJ does not subscribe to any given political viewpoint, but promotes human rights, democracy and pluralism.

The IFJ is opposed to discrimination of all kinds and condemns the use of media as propaganda or to promote intolerance and conflict.

The IFJ believes in freedom of political and cultural expression and defends trade union and other basic human rights.

The IFJ is the organisation that speaks for journalists within the United Nations system and within the international trade union movement.

The IFJ supports journalists and their unions whenever they are fighting for their industrial and professional rights and has established an International Safety Fund to provide humanitarian aid for journalists in need.

IFJ policy is decided by the Congress which meets every three years and work is carried out by the Secretariat based in Brussels under the direction of an elected Executive Committee. The last Congress was held in Dublin on June 2013..

IFJ Asia-Pacific represents 27 IFJ affiliates and associates across the Asia-Pacific region.

WHAT we do

IFJ Asia-Pacific works with national journalists' unions and associations to improve the working conditions of journalists and the quality of journalism through training programs and advocacy campaigns in defence of media-related rights. These rights include:

- The right to safety and decent working conditions

- The right to freedom of expression
- The right to a free media
- The right to access information
- The right to free association
- The right to justice and fair legal proceedings

IFJ Asia-Pacific runs international campaigns on journalists' safety, press freedom, public service values, editorial independence, ethics, gender equality, children's rights, tolerance and decent working conditions.

WHERE we work

Afghanistan, Australia, Bangladesh, Cambodia, China/Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Japan, Malaysia, Mongolia, Nepal, New Zealand, Pakistan, Philippines, South Korea, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Timor L'este, Taiwan

WHEN we act

IFJ Asia-Pacific initiates actions at the request of affiliates, associates and partners in the Asia-Pacific region. This work ranges from emergency missions to draw international attention to immediate crises (as occurred during Nepal's royal coup in 2005 and Pakistan's state of emergency in 2007) to long-term training, campaigning and institutional support.

WHY we do what we do

Press freedom, journalists' safety and decent working conditions are rights, but they are not automatically given.

Strong organisations are best positioned to combat threats ranging from physical attacks to restrictive regulation of the media. They are essential in assisting journalists to practise free, fearless and independent reporting.

Dedicated and quality journalism is a public good that supports democratic and transparent processes. It gives ordinary people access to the fair and critical information they need to make important choices about their lives.

IFJ Asia-Pacific aims to:

- Strengthen the organisation and leadership of journalists' unions and professional bodies
- Improve journalists' working conditions
- Assure journalists of safety and protection
- Defend freedom of the media, freedom of expression and freedom of association
- Enable quality journalism to thrive
- Ensure the media and journalists' organisations are open to participation by all.

HOW we work

IFJ Asia-Pacific seeks to achieve these aims by:

- Identifying training needs, developing training resources, training trainers
- Conducting in-country workshops, seminars and national forums
- Building the capacity of national journalists' organisations
- Initiating regional and international campaigns
- Advocacy actions targeting national leaders and the international community
- Disseminating news alerts, bulletins and media guides
- Promoting networking and solidarity among journalists across Asia-Pacific