

## MIDAS and Otto von Habsburg prize awarded!



Friday May 4th the prestigious MIDAS and Otto von Habsburg prizes were awarded. The MIDAS and Otto von Habsburg prize for Journalism in Minority Protection and Cultural Diversity in Europe were established in 2003. The prizes are awarded to journalists of daily newspapers in Europe who have demonstrated a particular dedication to the reporting of minority protection and cultural diversity issues within the context of the European integration. The winner of the 1.000 euro MIDAS prize 2007 is Hatto Schmidt from the daily „Dolomiten“ (South Tyrolia).



Journalists, employed by a national daily newspaper in Europe, who promote in their daily work minority protection and cultural diversity and contribute to a better understanding of cultural and ethnic differences, fulfil the criteria for the 2.000 euro Otto von Habsburg prize. This year the winner is Margaretha Kopeinig from the Austrian daily „Kurier“. She received the prize from Otto von Habsburg personally, especially for her high standard of professionalism reporting on the German-Slovene bilingual toponym discussion in Carinthia and her articles on European issues such as the European constitution.

The awarding ceremony was part of the annual meeting of MIDAS (minority language dailies association [www.midas-press.org](http://www.midas-press.org)), which took place in Klausenburg (Siebenbürgen, Rumänien), Cluj, Kolozsvár (Transylvania, Romania) and was organised by „Szabadság“, a daily in Hungarian language, published in Klausenburg/Cluj/Kolozsvár.