



Minority daily newspaper association, Midas, in call for prize nominations



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MIDAS, the minority daily newspaper association, is calling all minority language journalists to submit nominations for the prestigious Midas and Otto von Habsburg prizes.

The Midas and Otto von Habsburg Prize for Journalism in Minority Protection and Cultural Diversity in Europe were established in 2003 and are administered by Midas, based at Eurac in Bolzano/Bozen (South Tyrol).

The Prize is 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 process.

The 1,000 euro Midas Prize goes to journalists of Midas member-newspapers. Last year's winners were Ainara Mendiola from the Basque Newspaper "Berria", Björn Mansson, journalist from the largest Swedish Newspaper in Finland "Hufvudstadsbladet", and Jan Diedrichsen, a journalist from "Der Nordschleswiger", the only German daily in Denmark.

Journalists, employed by a national daily newspaper in Europe, who promote in their daily work minority protection and cultural diversity, combat racism and discrimination, and contribute to a better understanding of cultural and ethnic differences, fulfil the criteria to enter for the 2,000 Euro Otto von Habsburg Prize.

The journalists Reinhard Olt ("Frankfurter Allgemeinen Zeitung", Germany), Gian Antonio Stella ("Corriere della Sera", Italy) and Ivan Zsolt Nagy ("Magyar Hirlap", Hungary) received the prize from Otto von Habsburg personally in the last three years.

"The deadline for the submission is 31 January 2007 and the articles submitted should also promote editorial independence, journalists' ethics and a high standard of professionalism", said Günther Rautz, Secretary General of Midas. (Eurolang 2007)

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