



Renee Zellweger, Christiane Amanpour, First Lady Maria Shriver and Eugene Robinson among others to present at The International Women's Media Foundation's 19th Annual *Courage in Journalism Awards* in Los Angeles on October 16th

WHO: **Farida Nekzad** of Afghanistan, managing editor and deputy director of Pajhwok Afghan News and vice president of the South Asia Media Commission; **Sevgul Uludag** of Cyprus, investigative reporter for *Yeniduzen* newspaper; and **Aye Aye Win***, an Associated Press correspondent in Myanmar.

The IWMF will also present its *Lifetime Achievement Award* to **Edith Lederer**, chief correspondent at the United Nations for the Associated Press.

"These extraordinary journalists have shown bravery amidst threats and intimidation," said **Judy Woodruff**, chair of the IWMF *Courage in Journalism Award*. "They are heroines of a free press and provide us with role models for the very best journalism in the world today."

Bank of America is the national presenting sponsor of the *Courage in Journalism Awards*. Event Co-Chairs include **Cindi Leive**, *Glamour*; **Leslie Moonves**, president & CEO, CBS Corporation and **Julie Chen**, co-anchor, CBS News' *The Early Show*.

WHEN: Thursday, October 16th, 6:30pm**

WHERE: Beverly Hills Hotel, 9641 Sunset Blvd, Beverly Hills

Tickets can be purchased at: www.iwmf.org/courage

For more in-depth bios on the winners please visit:
www.iwmf.org/categorylistyear.aspx?c=cijwinner

Created in 1990, the IWMF *Courage in Journalism Awards* honor women journalists who have shown extraordinary strength of character and integrity while reporting the news under dangerous or difficult circumstances. The *Lifetime Achievement Award* recognizes a woman journalist who has a pioneering spirit and whose determination has paved the way for women in the news media. Including this year's award winners, 63 journalists have won *Courage Awards* and 17 journalists have been honored with *Lifetime Achievement Awards*. The 2008 awards will also be presented at ceremonies in New York on October 21. Award winners will attend a reception and panel discussion in Washington, D.C., on October 9.

Availability: Interviews by phone in any location. In-person interviews in New York, Washington, D.C., and Los Angeles on specific dates. Please contact us for schedule.

*Win will not attend the ceremonies.

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