

## Press Release

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### Vice Chairman of New York Times elected President of WAN-IFRA



WAN-IFRA is the World Association of Newspapers and News Publishers. Its mission is to protect the rights of journalists across the world to operate free media, and provide its members with professional services to help their business prosper in a digital world and perform their crucial role in open societies.

With formal representative status at the United Nations, UNESCO and the Council of Europe, it derives its authority from its global network of leading news publishing companies and technology entrepreneurs, and its legitimacy from its 80 national association members representing 18,000 publications in 120 countries.

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During the 69th WAN-IFRA's annual congress in Durban, South Africa, [Michael Golden](#), Vice Chairman of the Board of New York Times, was elected President of the World Association of Newspapers and News Publishers. The association also appointed a new Treasurer and a new President of the World Editors Forum. Sixteen executives from leading news media companies were also elected to new terms on the Boards of WAN-IFRA and the World Editors Forum.

Michael Golden was elected by WAN-IFRA members on Thursday at the World News Media Congress, World Editors Forum and Women in News Summit in Durban, South Africa. Approximately 700 publishers, editors, journalists, and other senior news executives from around the world attended the events, which continue through Friday. The conferences can be followed on the congress [blog](#) and on Twitter, #wnc17.

Michael Golden succeeds Tomas Brunegard, who was elected President of WAN-IFRA in 2013. Together with Paul Verwilt (Mediahuis, Belgium), who was elected new Treasurer of the organisation at the same meeting, David Callaway (The Street, USA) and Kevin Beatty (Daily Mail Group), they will form the new Presidency of WAN-IFRA for the two coming years.

*"What I was able to help the New York Times do, and what I'd like to help WAN-IFRA do, is to reverse some of the current trends that are going on in the world. Media freedom is going the wrong direction in many parts of the world. Building on the tradition of WAN-IFRA to increase the dialogue about that, bring awareness to it, and underscore the importance of the role that media plays in informing citizens and making society work better" said [Michael Golden](#) in an interview. " Being elected President of WAN-IFRA is an honor and I take it as a vote of confidence. It is the opportunity to build on what we've done, and help the professionals operating independent media adjust their business models and prosper", he added. At the same meeting, 10 executives from leading news media companies were elected to new terms on the Board of WAN-IFRA.*

#### New leaders for the World Editors Forum (WEF)

David Callaway, Editor Emeritus and CEO of TheStreet.com, USA, has been elected President of the World Editors Forum (WEF), succeeding Marcelo Rech, Vice President of Journalism, RBS Group, Brazil.

Helje Solberg, Executive Editor and CEO of VGTV, Norway, was named as the new Vice President at the annual meeting of the WEF board in Durban on Wednesday.

Callaway, a former Editor in Chief of USA Today, took control of TheStreet.com, as CEO and Editor Emeritus a year ago. He is credited with growing USA Today to the fifth largest digital news organisation in the US. Before joining *USA Today* in July 2012, he was the Editor-in-Chief at MarketWatch and its predecessor CBS MarketWatch.

Callaway has a masters degree in journalism from Northwestern University's Medill School of Journalism. He serves on the board of the ICFJ.

Helje Solberg, CEO and Executive Editor of VGTV, Norway, is an award-winning investigative journalist and author who has worked on several Norwegian papers.

**The new Board members of WAN-IFRA are:**

- Nicolas Corneau, deputy general manager Groupe Centre France La Montagne, Representing UPREG, the French Regional Publishers Association;
- Patrick Daniel, deputy chief executive officer, Singapore Press Holdings (SPH), representing WAN-IFRA Regional Committee for Asia Pacific;
- Edith Dankwa, representing PRINPAG, the Independent Publishers Association in Ghana;
- Ishmet Davidson, Director Print Media Media24, South Africa, Member of the WAN-IFRA Regional Committee for Africa (South Africa);
- Sophie Gourmelen, Publisher, le Parisien - Aujourd'hui en France;
- Peter Mertus, CEO News and Media Holding representing the Slovak Press Association;
- Tove Nedreberg, CEO Adresseavisen, Representing MBL, the Norwegian Media Businesses' Association ;
- Sergey Okhrimenko, Segodnya Multimedia - Representing UAPP, the Ukrainian Association of Press Publishers;
- Gunnar Siiner, CEO Raadio Kadi OÜ, representing EALL - Eesti Ajalehtede Liit, the Estonian Publishers Association;
- Cristina Soares, COO and Member of the Board, Publico, APImprensa (Portugal);
- Rick Stunt , Group Paper Director Dmg::media, United Kingdom, representing WAN-IFRA's World Printers Forum.

**New members of WEF Board are:**

- Joanne Lipman, Editor in Chief, USA Today, USA
- Ritu Kapur, CEO of TheQuint.com, India
- Stephen Rae, Editor in Chief, Independent News and Media, Ireland
- Martha Ramos, Editorial Director, OEM, Mexico
- Warren Fernandez, Editor in Chief, SPH, Singapore

## WAN-IFRA BOARD MEMBERS

ELECTIONS IN DURBAN, JUNE 2017  
WORLD NEWS MEDIA CONGRESS



COUNTRY	FULL NAME	POSITION	MANDATE	END OF MANDATE
Belgium	Paul Verwilt	COO Mediahuis, WAN-IFRA Treasurer	1st Mandate	2019
Brazil	Marcelo Rech	Vice President News RBS, ZERO Hora - Represents ANJ	1st Mandate	2019
Estonia	Gunnar Siiner	Representing EALL - Eesti Ajalehtede Liit	1st Mandate	2019
France	Sophie Gourmelen	Publisher, le Parisien - Aujourd'hui en France	1st Mandate	2019
France	Nicolas Corneau	Deputy General Manager Centre France La Montagne, Representing UPREG, the Regional Press association	1st Mandate	2019
Ghana	Edith Dankwa	Representing PRINPAG	1st Mandate	2019
Norway	Tove Nedreberg	CEO Adresseavisen, Representing MBL	1st Mandate	2019
Portugal	Cristina Soares	COO Member of the Board Publico, Representing Portuguese Press Association	1st Mandate	2019
Singapore	Patrick Daniel	SPH, Representing Regional Asia Pacific Committee	1st Mandate	2019
Slovakia	Peter Mertus	CEO of News and Media Holding representing Slovak Press, in his capacity of President	1st Mandate	2019
South Africa	Ishmet Davidson	Director Print Media - Media 24 - Member of WAN-IFRA regional committee Africa	1st Mandate	2019
Ukraine	Sergey Okhrimenko	Segodnya Multimedia - Representing UAPP - Ukrainian Association of Press Publishers	1st Mandate	2019
United Kingdom	Kevin Beatty	CEO dmg::media. 1st Vice President WAN-IFRA	1st Mandate	2019
United Kingdom	Rick Stunt	Group Paper Director Dmg::media Representing World Printers Forum	1st Mandate	2019
United States	David Callaway	CEO The Street, President World Editors Forum	1st Mandate	2019
United States	Michael Golden	Vice Chairman NYT Co. President WAN-IFRA	1st Mandate	2019
Austria	Markus Mair	Styria Media Group	2d Mandate	2019
Chile	Ricardo Hepp	Represents Asociación Nacional Prensa	2d Mandate	2019
El Salvador	José Roberto Dutriz	Grupo Dutriz	2d Mandate	2019
Spain	José Lozano Orús	Henneo, Heraldo de Aragón	2d Mandate	2019
Sweden	Sture Bergman	Represents TU	2d Mandate	2019
Venezuela	Miguel Otero Castillo	El Nacional	2d Mandate	2019
Argentina	Daniel Dessenin	Represents ADEPA	3rd Mandate	2018
Ecuador	César Pérez Barriga	Representing AEDEP	3rd Mandate	2018

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Italy	Alessandro Bompieri	Represents RCS	3rd Mandate	2018
Japan	Kojiro Shiraishi	Representing NSK	3rd Mandate	2018
USA	Donna Barrett	Representing NMA	3rd Mandate	2018
Argentina	Jorge Carlos Rendo	Grupo Clarin	Extended mandate	2018
Canada	Guy Crevier	La Presse Ltée	Extended mandate	2018
Canada	Phillip Crawley	Representing CNA		2018
Colombia	Luis Miguel de Bedout	Represents Andiaros	Extended mandate	2018
France	François Dufour	Playbac Presse - Represents SPQN	Extended mandate	2018
Germany	Valdo Lehari jr.	Representing BDZV	Extended mandate	2018
Hungary	Tibor Kovacs	representing the Hungarian Publishers Association	Extended mandate	2018
Luxembourg	Alvin Sold	Representing ALEJ	Extended mandate	2018
Philippines	Sandy Prieto-Romualdez	Philippine Daily Inquirer	Extended mandate	2018
Russia	Eugene Abov	Representing GIPP	Extended mandate	2018
Switzerland	Hans Heinrich Coninx	Represents Swiss association	Extended mandate	2018
Turkey	Hanzade Dogan Boyner	Represents Gazete Sahipleri Birlik	Extended mandate	2018
Sri Lanka	Sinha Ratnatunga	Represents Independent Newspapers Ltd.	Extended mandate	2018
Ukraine	Oleksandr Chovhan	Represents AIRPPU	Extended mandate	2018
Czech Republic	Libuse Smuclerova	Represents Unie Vydavatelů	Extended mandate	2018
Belgium	Daniel Van Wylick	Represents La Presse.be	1st Mandate	2018
Moldova	Petru Macovei	Represents API	1st Mandate	2018
Spain	Francisco Javier Moll	Editorial Prensa Iberica	1st Mandate	2018
Denmark	Stig Kirk Ørskov	Represents DDF	2d Mandate	2018
Finland	Vesa-Pekka Kangaskorpi	Represents Sanomalehti Liitto	2d Mandate	2018
Germany	Thomas Lindner	Represents MBL	2d Mandate	2018
Bulgaria	Theodore Zahov	Represents Union of Publishers	3rd Mandate	2018
Austria	Gerald Grünberger	Chair Directors of Associations Committee	Automatic	N/A
Brazil	Jayme Sirotsky	Honorary Member	Honorary	N/A
Canada	Roger P. Parkinson	Honorary Member	Honorary	N/A
Denmark	Lars Henrik Munch	Honorary Member	Honorary	N/A
India	D D Purkayastha	Honorary member	Honorary	N/A
India	Jacob Mathew	Honorary member	Honorary	N/A
India	K.N. Shanth Kumar	Represents South Asian Committee	Automatic	N/A
Italy	Carlo Perrone	President ENPA	Automatic	N/A
Korea	Hong Seok Hyun	Honorary Member	Honorary	N/A
Norway	Rolf Dyrnes Svendsen	Representing GAMI	Automatic	N/A
Saudi Arabia	Saleh Al Humaidan	Honorary Member/Represents Middle East Committee	Honorary	N/A

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Sweden	Bengt Braun	Honorary Member	Honorary	N/A
USA	K. Prescott Low	Honorary Member	Honorary	N/A
USA	Scott C. Schurz	Honorary Member	Honorary	N/A
Brazil	Carlos F Monteiro Lindenberg Neto	Represents ANJ Associacao Nacional de Jornais	Outgoing	2017
Burkina Faso	Moumina Sy Cheriff	Representing Société des Editeurs de la Presse Privée	Outgoing	2017
France	Michèle Léridon	Representing the News Agencies	Outgoing	2017
France	Olivier Derville	Les Papiers de Presse	Outgoing	2017
France	Tomas Brunegård	Outgoing President	Outgoing	2017
Ghana	Gina Ama Blay	Represents PRINPAG, Newspaper Publishers Ass.	Outgoing	2017
India	Kasturi Balaji	Former Chair of the World Printers Forum	Outgoing	2017
Korea	Dae-Whan Chang	Representing KAN - Korean Newspapers Association	Outgoing	2017
Netherlands	G. J. van der Snoek	Representing NDP Nieuwsmedia	Outgoing	2017
New Zealand	Michael C. Muir	Representing NPA - Publishers' Association	Outgoing	2017
Norway	Mari Velsand	Representing MBL	Outgoing	2017
Norway	Tore Stangebye	Outgoing Treasurer	Outgoing	2017
Pakistan	Tanvir Ahmed Tahir	Representing APNS - All Pakistan Newspapers Society	Outgoing	2017
Russian Federation	Grigoriy Kunis	Representing ANRI - Alliance of Independent Regional Publishers of Russia	Outgoing	2017
Singapore	Alan Chan Heng Loon	SPH Holding	Outgoing	2017
South Africa	Neo Momodu	Formerly representing SA Publishers Association	Outgoing	2017
Spain	Luís Enríquez Nistal	Representing AEDE - Succeeded by Javier Moll	Outgoing	2017
Thailand	Pichai Chuensuksawadi	Outgoing Chair Asia Pacific Regional Committee	Outgoing	2017