Call for entries for

The Krzysztof Michalski Prize for Belarusian Journalists in Exile

In times of brutal repression of democratic aspirations in Belarus, the commitment of courageous journalists and whistleblowers is more important than ever. They bring the truth to light and thus make a vital contribution to a functioning civil society and future democracy in Belarus. Their commitment is rewarded and encouraged by a prize commemorating the Polish democracy activist and philosopher Krzysztof Michalski.

Prize money: 30.000 EUR in total for 3 categories (3x 10.000 EUR)

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3 categories:

- ***Analytical Journalism*** showing the role of Belarusian politics in an international context
- ***Investigative Journalism*** (Belarus related)
- ***Upcoming Talent***: for authors up to 30 years old; at least 1 year of journalistic work required

An invitation will be sent out to a limited circle of editorial offices/ journalistic websites/ the Belarusian Journalists Association (BAJ) to hand in a short list of suggested candidates.

Conditions:

- Belarusian author(s) in exile
- Accepted materials (published after summer 2020):
  articles, blogs; printed or online (3.000-30.000 characters),
  audio & video materials (5 min - 1h)
- Requirement of a translated version/ extensive summary (EN)
- 1 piece of material per author (+ attached list of author´s other publications and short biography)

The award will be decided by an independent jury.

Jury composition:

- Wojciech Trojanowski (CEO *STRABAG Polska*)
- Pawel Latushko (former BY Minister and Ambassador in Poland and France, now opposition member in Polish exile)
- Andreas Stadler (Austrian Ambassador in Poland)

- Agnieszka Romaszewska-Guzy (Director "*Biełsat TV*")
- Sławomir Sierakowski (founder and chief editor of *"Krytyka Polityczna*")
- Wiktoria Bieliaszyn (journalist at *„Gazeta Wyborcza"* specializing in Eastern Europe)
- *Misha Glenny* (Rector *Institute for Human Sciences IWM)*
- Karolina Hojnowska (Political Officer Austrian Embassy)

Applications for the *Krzysztof Michalski Prize for Belarusian Journalists in Exile* are open until **November 15**.

Please send your entry to **warschau-ob@bmeia.gv.at** with "*Belarusian Journalist Prize*" in the subject line.

The winners will be notified by e-mail.

The award ceremony will take place in Warsaw in 2024.