

DECLARATION OF THE JURY

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The Jury of the Prize for Best Investigative Journalism Report on Corruption, awarded annually by the Press and Society Institute (IPYS) and Transparency International for Latin America and the Caribbean (TILAC), hereby declares:

1. That the jury met in Mexico City from 6 May to 8 May 2005 to review the 125 pieces from 2004 submitted for the competition from 19 Latin American countries.
2. That the jury received numerous pieces of notable journalistic and investigative quality. As in previous years, this jury primarily took into account the significance of the corruption case investigated and of the information revealed, the research efforts on the part of journalist, as well as the quality of the presentation and impact of the report's content.
3. That the jury gives special recognition to the investigative merits of eight other pieces, among which figure:

ARGENTINA

“Jefes y Jefas de Exportación,” by the **production team of *Telenoche Investiga, Canal 13***, which showed the use of social programs as a means of extortion and buying votes in Argentine provinces.

BRAZIL

“Caso Waldomiro,” by **Andrei Meireles, Gustavo Krieger, and Diego Escosteguy** of the magazine *Época*, which unveiled illegal payments made by businessman Carlos Cachoeira to Waldomiro Diniz, president of the state-owned company in charge of the Rio de Janeiro lottery and political operator for the governing Worker's Party.

COLOMBIA

“Los señores de las tierras,” by **Maria Teresa Ronderos, Carlos Eduardo Huertas, and César Molinares** of the magazine *Semana*, which revealed the appropriation of estates and other properties by paramilitaries.

COSTA RICA

“Corrupción alcanza a tres expresidentes,” investigated by Liliana Carranza, Pilar Cisneros Gallo, and Ignacio Santos Pasamontes of *Telenoticias, Canal 7*, which addressed the illegal payments made by European companies Alcatel and Instrumentarium to former Costa Rican presidents.

EL SALVADOR

“Anomalías en licitaciones de COSSAL,” Rafael García of the daily *La Prensa Gráfica*, which revealed irregular contracts tied to the organizers of the XIX Central American and Caribbean Games.

GUATEMALA

- **“Millones de quetzales de impuestos desviados a campañas electorales,”** presented by Jennyffer Paredes of the daily *Prensa Libre*, which demonstrated

that the electoral campaigns of two political parties were financed with state funds.

- **“Así lavó millones la banda de Portillo,”** written by Coralia Orantes and Carlos Menocal of the daily *Siglo XXI*, which uncovered the money-laundering practices of high-level officials linked to former president Alfonso Portillo via operations with Banco Crédito Hipotecario Nacional.

MEXICO

“Caso Sasayama,” presented by Omar Millán of the daily *Frontera*, which showed how the Baja California State Attorney General’s Office, in an attempt to produce immediate results, falsely convicted a citizen of murder.

PERU

- **“El caso Zevallos o la tentación del narcoestado,”** by Fernando Ampuero and Miguel Ramírez of the daily *El Comercio*, which proved airline businessman Fernando Zevallos’ ties to drug trafficking.
- **“Caso Bavaria,”** by Fernando Ampuero and Pablo O’Brien of the daily *El Comercio*, which revealed the payment of bribes on the part of Colombian beer company Bavaria to President Alejandro Toledo’s top aide.

4. That the jury gives special recognition, in the form of a \$5,000-prize in each case, to two Brazilian investigative reports. One of the reports, “Os homens de bens da Alerj,” (Los hombres de bienes de la Asamblea legislativa de Rio de Janeiro), which researched the unjustified increase in assets among 27 congressmen in Rio de Janeiro, was investigated by Angelina Nunes, Alan Gripp, Carla Rocha, Dimmi Amora, Flavio Pessoa, Luiz Ernesto Magalhães, and Maiá Menezes, from the daily *O Globo*. The second, “Bolsa Família,” by Eduardo Faustini of *TV Globo*, revealed irregularities in the handling of funds allocated for the Brazilian Government’s main social program. The piece investigated by the *O Globo* journalists is an excellent example of how public-access databanks can be used to research reports on corruption. Furthermore, the research conducted by Faustini shows a high level of professionalism in making use of hidden cameras.

5. That the 2004 IPYS-TILAC First Prize, for the sum of US\$25,000, goes to the series of articles on illegal payments made by two European companies to former Central American presidents, authored by the journalists of the daily *La Nación* of Costa Rica Giannina Segnini, Ernesto Rivera and Mauricio Herrera. The diligent work of this team was ground-breaking in the discovery of suspicious payments made by Finnish company Instrumentarium Medko Medical and French corporation Alcatel-CIT to three former presidents: former OAS Secretary-General Miguel Ángel Rodríguez, former President Rafael Ángel Calderón, and former Executive Director of the World Economic Forum José María Figueres.

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