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Categories for the AIBs 2023

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You're invited!

I'm delighted to open for entry the *AIBs* 2023 - the 19th annual international competition for journalism and factual productions across TV, radio and digital platforms.

For almost two decades, the *AIBs* have celebrated and rewarded the work of journalists and factual producers on every continent. From daily journalism to human interest stories, the *AIBs* have a category for you to showcase the work you and your teams undertake in news, investigative reporting, human interest, sports journalism and many more areas of output. This entry book explains what our 19 categories are, what our international panel of judges are looking for and how to submit your entries.

And showcasing your work is important - to celebrate the range of stories that are being told

at local, national, regional, and international level, to ensure that the world is reflected to audiences in every part of the planet. With the world a more complex and perhaps frightening place, providing context and clear unbiased facts is more important than ever.

That's why the *AIBs* exist - to highlight and reward the people who bring news and facts into people's homes, into their hands, into their minds.

Join us and help us celebrate this vital work by showcasing your output in the *AIBs* 2023.

Good luck!

Simon Spanswick Chief Executive

The AIBs welcome work in any language produced in, or directed to, any territory

See what winners and finalists say about the AIBs





PRESENTER of the YEAR TV/VIDEO

We're searching for the most engaging, most passionate, most knowledgeable presenter on screen anywhere in the world who will receive the accolade of AIB international TV presenter 2023.

It's likely that the winner will be a regular on-screen presenter who is authoritative without being overbearing and comes across to the audience as someone they can rely on to tell them the facts or get to the heart of the story when interviewing. They will be the sort of person who walks into a room and lights it up, able to interact with anyone from any walk of life, with those skills coming across on the screen.

Our judges are looking for people who can demonstrate that they have a "well-stocked" mind and who relate to the stories they are presenting. The winner will stand out from the crowd and make viewers pay attention. They will instinctively know the questions that their audience want asked and not be afraid to ask challenging questions.



Entry fee £120 We have to charge 20% VAT to UK-based entrants

Once your entry form is received a link will be sent to upload your entry.

- A biography of your career to date up to 1000 words, peer references can also be provided. Word or PDF format
- A high-resolution jpeg headshot
- Please supply a showreel up to 30 minutes. mov or mp4 HD, 16:9 1080
- English subtitles if the showreel is not in English





DOCUDRAMA

TV/VIDEO

This is a new category that reflects the growing use of drama to tell important documentary stories. The judges will be looking for the creative use of drama to make the story understandable and to improve audience engagement in the subject, while not sensationalising the story. The entries need to seamlessly marry documentary journalism with dramatic elements that improve the storytelling.



Entry fee:

Member companies - £150

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- A synopsis up to 400 words in word or PDF format if this is a series, episodes can be detailed in a separate document
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SHORT FEATURE

This category is designed for a topical or news feature with a running time of at least five minutes and no more than 20 minutes. The programme will provide the audience with an insight into the contemporary world on any subject. We are looking for outstanding and imaginative storytelling achieved within a cleverly, effectively produced short duration feature.

2022 Winner - Bloomberg News The Pay Check - Kenya: The Lost Girls



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- The programme, which must be at least five minutes and no longer than 20 minutes duration. mov or mp4 HD, 16:9 1080
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NATURAL HISTORY TV/VIDEO

This award will go to a production that connects the audience with the natural world around us in a thought provoking and entertaining way. It should explain and provide fresh insight and not be afraid of tackling complex or controversial issues. The winning production might be a piece of environmental storytelling, or it may follow the work of scientists and researchers who have intimate knowledge of the natural world. Whatever the angle and approach, it should most definitely enthral the viewer.

2022 Winner - NHK/Arte France/NHK Enterprises SATOYAMA - Niigata: Living with Snow



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SCIENCE and TECHNOLOGY TV/VIDEO

Our lives are being constantly shaped and affected by science and technology and we need to understand the changes that are happening around us. Your programme will need to rise to the challenge of providing insight and understanding of often deeply complex subjects. You will need to catch the attention of your viewers, and of course the judges, by giving new perspectives that drive our curiosity.

2022 Winner - Wondrium and Blue Chalk Media Solving for Zero



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SPECIALIST FACTUAL TV/VIDEO

There are no boundaries in this category. Subjects might be arts and culture, history, or religion or an observational documentary. Whatever the topic the winning production will have provided new perspectives in fresh and exciting ways that makes it compelling viewing.

2022 Winner - Al Jazeera I Unit Al Jazeera Investigations: The Truth Illusion



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SPORTS JOURNALISM TV/VIDEO

This award will recognise the journalism that goes beyond straightforward match reporting and coverage, unearthing the stories behind the headlines. The winning journalism may focus on a sports man or woman or could look at the business of contemporary sporting competitions. It could focus on match fixing, doping, commercial deals, or technological innovations. We are looking for outstanding journalism that gives fans – and wider audiences – the best possible understanding of today's sporting world.

2022 Winner - Al Jazeera I Unit Al Jazeera Investigations: The Men Who Sell Football



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HUMAN INTEREST TV/VIDEO

This is often our most popular category and covers many subjects and many types of stories. The judges will be looking for the programme that stands out among a large collection of excellent journalism. It will capture the viewer from the very beginning and will have impact through engaging and compassionate storytelling, without resorting to sensationalism or hype. The programme will have broad and relatable appeal to the audience who must be able to identify and empathise with the story and those who feature in it.

2022 Winner - Flicker Productions for ITV Kate Garraway: Caring for Derek



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NEWS COVERAGE TV/VIDEO

This award will go to journalism that captures events accurately, providing appropriate context and, as the story develops, offers audiences a deeper understanding of the event. News coverage can be either as the story is breaking or for coverage that evolves over time. Please submit a compilation of no more than one hour that clearly demonstrates how you and your team have delivered the story to your audience.

2022 Winner - ITN - ITV News Partygate coverage



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- A synopsis up to 400 words in word or PDF format
- The coverage, this must be at least five minutes in length. mov or mp4 HD, 16:9 1080
- English subtitles if the coverage is not in English



POLITICS and BUSINESS

As inflation and economic difficulties put politicians, businesses and citizens across the world under immense pressure, the role of journalists to explain to their audiences the 'what' and 'why' is more important than ever. This award will go to the journalism that explores and explains a political or business story in our highly volatile and tumultuous world. Judges will want to see reporting that is fair, balanced and informative alongside storytelling that has depth and breadth and is impartial.

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DOMESTIC AFF AIRS DOCUMENTARY TV/VIDEO

This category is an opportunity to show a clear connection between journalism and its local audience. The judges will want to see productions that reflect the interests of the local audience and the subject is very open such as, health, home, crime, or jobs. Whatever the topic, the programme should ask important questions about why things are as they are in your country.

2022 Winner - ITN for ITV News & Current Affairs Surviving Squalor: Britain's Housing Shame



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INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS DOCUMENTARY TV/VIDEO

We are looking for productions that describe, explain, and reflect upon the contemporary world at a time of profound change, uncertainty, threat and perhaps opportunity. Context and explanation will be key as well as an element of surprise that together delivers a production that is punchy and revelatory. The judges will be looking for innovative storytelling that makes the subject accessible and likely holds truth to power.

2022 Winner - Zandland Films for Channel 4 The Cult of Conspiracy: QAnon



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INVESTIGATIVE DOCUMENTARY

The winner of this category will need to uncover the truth about a particular story/event of real significance through challenging and ambitious investigative journalism. The documentary can focus on regional, national, or international issues that are important to the audience. The judges are looking for detailed research that provides incontrovertible evidence to support the investigation and any claims made in the programme.

2022 Winner - Flicker Productions for Channel 4 Hunting the Football Trolls - Jermaine Jenas



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PRESENTER of the YEAR

AUDIO/RADIO/PODCAST

Sound is highly personal medium where listeners tend to feel a great empathy with the presenters they are listening to. So, what makes a great radio or audio personality, one who's worthy of the accolade of 2023 AIB presenter of the year?

It's likely to be an ability to relate to the audience on a very personal basis, combined with a passion for the medium that comes across very clearly to the listener.

Our judges will be looking for the person who demonstrates a real zeal for talking authoritatively yet not overbearingly to the listener. It's probably someone who is knowledgeable and interested, as well as interesting.

The best personalities are those who let their guests and interviewees take centre stage rather than hogging the limelight themselves.



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- A showreel of up to 30 minutes demonstrating your work as bwf or wav or mp3
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DOCUDRAMA

AUDIO/RADIO/PODCAST

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SPECIALIST FACTUAL AUDIO/RADIO/PODCAST

Our Specialist Factual category covers subjects as varied as arts and culture, history, religion, science, or nature. We are looking for a production that is fresh and exciting, engaging listeners who may be new to the subject whilst also offering further insight for those who are familiar with the topic. The clarity of the storytelling is crucial, and we will be looking for imaginative creation of the soundscape that complements the spoken word and enhances the narrative without distracting the listener.

2022 Winner - ABC & CBC Stuff the British Stole - The Abductions



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HUMAN INTEREST AUDIO/RADIO/PODCAST

Our award will go to the production that has successfully told a story, or stories, that reflect the trials, tribulations, and successes of our fellow humans in an empathetic way.

This is always one of our most popular audio categories and covers many areas and types of stories. The judges will be looking for the programme that stands out among a large collection of excellent journalism. It will engage the listener from the very beginning and will have impact through compassionate storytelling, without resorting to sensationalism or hype. The programme will have broad and relatable appeal to the audience who must be able to identify and empathise with the story and those who feature in it.

2022 Winner - RTÉ Documentary on One: Felix-Life and Limb



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NEWS COVERAGE

AUDIO/RADIO/PODCAST

We're looking for coverage of either a breaking or continuing news story that gets across the facts and provides context and clarity for the listening audience. Intelligibility is key, including description and scene-setting, so that the audience can grasp the essence of the story and follow it as it unfolds. The entry must show good understanding of the issues and convey the facts and context to the audience concisely showing sensitivity and compassion when appropriate.

2022 Winner - BBC Long Form Audio for BBC Sounds Ukrainecast - 100 Days



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- The coverage must be at least 5 minutes in length, bwf or wav or mp3
- English language transcript with time codes if the entry is not in English





INVESTIGATIVE DOCUMENTARY

AUDIO/RADIO/PODCAST

We are looking for a regional, national, or international production that has worked hard to tell an important story. The programme will need to demonstrate clear, thorough investigation with evidence to support any conclusions drawn. However challenging and involved the investigative process may have been, the production will thoroughly engage and excite the audience.

2022 Winner - A Tortoise Production for Audible Originals Finding Q: My Journey into QAnon



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KEY DATES

Production air dates
1 July 2022 - 30 June 2023

AIBs closing date 30 June 2023



HOW TO ENTER THE AIBs

Production air dates 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023

Fill in the <u>entry form</u> One form per entry. An entry number will be sent to you and a link will be provided for you to upload your programme.

Fees must be received by the 31 July 2023.

TV/VIDEO

All entries must be submitted as they were initially broadcast with no re-editing (except for removal of advertisement breaks). Subtitles must be added to programmes not in English.

Raw footage is not eligible.

Format: *mov* or *mp4* HD, 16:9 1080 No visible time codes

RADIO/AUDIO/PODCAST

Non-English language entries must be accompanied by an English transcript (the transcript must correspond with the programme you have entered). Please provide time codes on the transcript for reference.

Format: bwf, wav or mp3 files.



FAQs

How do I pay for my entry?

- Card payments can be made online using our Stripe payment system. The online system is available at http://aib.org.uk/store/
- Payment can be made by bank transfer or by credit card. Details of our bank account can be found on our invoices.
- All entries must be paid for or the payment in process by the 31 July 2023. Non-payment will result in disgualification from the competition.

Who runs these awards?

- The AIBs were inaugurated in 2005 at the request of members of the Association for International Broadcasting.
- The Association for International Broadcasting is the not-for-profit, non-governmental association for the international broadcasting industry, that represents and supports members on every continent.

Who can enter?

- Anyone who has a production eligible for one of the categories may enter the AIBs.
- You do not have to be a member of the Association for International Broadcasting to enter. Our members benefit from reduced entry fees

Can I enter in more than one category?

- You can enter your production in more than one category. If you do. each entry must have a separate entry form.
- The only exception are Short Feature programmes which cannot be entered in any other category.

Judging

- The shortlist is announced in September.
- Our global panel of judges will select the overall winners which will be announced at the awards event on the 10 November 2023 No. winners will be revealed beforehand.

Will my entry go on show?

- All shortlisted entries will be presented as a short clip during the awards event
- By entering you grant AIB permission to select a clip and to use extracts online for noncommercial purposes.
- The AIB will show all shortlisted entries on our password protected platform for two weeks after the awards presentations.







SUPPORT THE AIBs

The AIBs, like all the activities of the Association for International Broadcasting, are run on a not-for-profit basis.

We need your support to help run the AIBs.

The AIBs offer a unique opportunity for brands to align themselves with the world's most compelling factual content and the world's best producers. The AIBs also provide an unobtrusive yet effective way to reach tens of thousands of influential people in the media industry in over 150 countries across nine months each year.

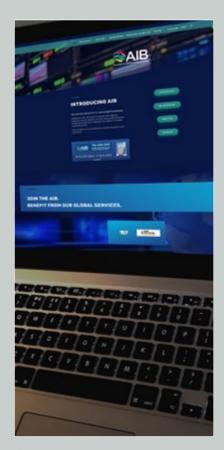
The team at the Association for International Broadcasting will be pleased to discuss how your involvement with the AIBs can benefit you and your company.

Contact Tom Wragg on +44 20 7993 2557 or email him at tom.wragg@aib.org.uk to discuss the options.









INTRODUCING THE AIB

Established in 1993. AIB is the trade association for international TV, radio and digital broadcasting.

AIB provides its members with advocacy, intelligence, networking, promotion and a range of other key services.

Our members operate television, radio and digital services in multiple languages that. every week, reach well in excess of one billion people in almost every country on the planet. We also have companies that support media houses among our Membership.

A key area of work is our **media freedom** initiative. AIB is a Member of the Consultative Network to the intergovernmental **Media Freedom Coalition**. This places AIB at the heart of global work on media freedom. The annual AIBs support our media freedom work, allowing us to demonstrate the importance of fair and impartial journalism and factual storytelling to key influencers in the Coalition.

Other areas of work include:

Big Tech - working with Members on relationships with Big Tech companies in markets globally **Cyber security** - helping Members exchange information and engage with suppliers to protect their businesses **Sustainability** - working with Members to make their businesses net zero and to engage audiences on issues around sustainability Content sharing - facilitating Members' access to the output of colleagues around the world

The AIB draws on 29 years of knowledge gathering and intelligence sharing in the international media market to deliver outstanding support to our Members.

The Association's work is entirely centred on, and devoted to, the needs of our members. Please talk to us about how joining the AIB can help you and your colleagues.

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