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After noting that 2005 had been one of the deadliest years ever for working journalists, Paul "CEO" of the NTA, Peter Price, said in his speech, "The editor of this group we have tonight is the International Press Institute. Over 55 years ago, 34 authors from 17 countries gathered at Columbia University in New York to start a global organization dedicated to fighting threats to press freedom worldwide. Now based in Vienna, the International

Press Institute (IPI) is the leading organization for press freedom worldwide."

Praising the media, he went on to say, "Courageous and dedicated journalists stand on the frontier of the right to freedom of expression and they lay the groundwork for democ-

Also honored were two other press freedom organizations: the New York-based World Press Freedom Review, which has its headquarters in Paris.

The annual event was held in the Broadway Ballroom at the Marriott Marquis Hotel, New York, and attended by some 500 television and new media industry executives, and news documentary producers and journalists.

Founded in 1951, IPI is committed to supporting the rights of the media and the free flow of news and information.

IPI defends freedom of the media and freedom of expression in accordance with Article 19 of the United Nations Declaration of Human Rights and other international instruments.

To achieve this, IPI publishes the annual World Press Freedom Review, a document highlighting press freedom conditions all over the world, regularly distributes press freedom reviews to countries where journalists are endangered, meets with the heads of governments and inter-

governmental organizations, and influences international organizations regarding the rights of the media.

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