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Commodore Josaia Voreqe Bainimarama, the Prime Minister of Fiji

GC IN FIJI *a resounding success*

Commodore Josaia Voreqe Bainimarama, the Prime Minister of Fiji, says his government believes in media freedom and the freedom of expression, which are fundamental principles of true democracy; however, he recognises that media freedom is not absolute, and that the media must exercise this freedom and right to express oneself with greater responsibility.

The Prime Minister was the guest of honor and speaker at the 35th Annual Gathering and 8th AIBD General Conference & Associated Meeting held in Nadi, Fiji on 20 – 23 July 2009. The gathering served as the occasion to announce AIBD's ISO certification and its yearly achievements in implementing some 84 training programmes, conferences and workshops, consultancies and publications.



The Prime Minister said, "the government strongly believes that media freedom is not absolute, and that the media must exercise this freedom and right to express oneself with greater responsibility. The media must ensure that their work does not impact negatively on the rights of others or the stability and well being of the nation."

(From Left) Commodore Josaia Voreqe Bainimarama, the Prime Minister of Fiji, Mr Freddy Tulung, Director General of Communication Media and Information Dissemination, Indonesia and Chairperson of the AIBD Executive Board Meeting, and Dr Javad Mottaghi

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AIBD is ISO Certified

AIBD fortifies its position as a leading international media institute as it has recently been awarded the Quality Management Certificate, ISO 9001:2003 and ISAS BC 9001:2008, a reflection of its competence and credibility in pursuing initiatives in media development in Asia-Pacific.

AIBD members and partners learned of this development at the 35th Annual Gathering and 8th AIBD General Conference & Associated Meeting during which the Geneva-based Media and Society Foundation (MSF) awarded to the Institute the ISO certificate and plaque. The AIBD General Assembly was held in Nadi, Fiji on 20 – 23 July 2009.

In conferring the certificate, the MSF said the award was "in recognition of the outstanding work achieved by AIBD management and staff to continuously fulfill the expectations of its members, affiliates, partners and other interested parties in benchmarking, promoting and implementing best practices in management, technology and contents of broadcasters from the Asia-Pacific region." Guillaume Chenevière, MSF Executive Director and Claude Torracinta, MSF President, signed the certificate.

This certificate is valid until June 15, 2012 and covers the following activities: training, consultancy, publication, content production, and conference and workshop organisation.



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Geneva, June 16th, 2009

Guillaume Chenevière
Executive Director

Claude Torracinta
President



In-House Workshop on Performance and Professionalism

20-21 August 2009
Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

The AIBD staff participated in a two-day workshop on Performance and Professionalism from 20-21 August 2009 as part of the Institute's investments in training and in the promotion of the its ISO certification.

The consultants were Ms Shanta Nagendram and Mr Ivan Kumar, Principal Consultant and Senior Consultant respectively both of Skill Focus Consultancy, Malaysia.

The content focused on professionalism and work ethics, effective communication skills, teamwork, self-management, working under pressure, public relations and networking. Emphasis was on interactive methodology allowing the maximum involvement of the participants with sessions dedicated to interactive activities with exercises and group discussions / presentations.

The workshop allowed the participants to understand that the change process had to begin with themselves first, in terms of self-assessment of their priorities, their goals, and their responses, and then to narrow the gaps caused by their own lack of skills and realise so that they can realise their own potential with regard to the changing environment and face new challenges of AIBD.

Those who participated in the training were the support staff from directorate, administration finance and training departments of AIBD. They were enthusiastic, dedicated and displayed full commitment to the learning and contributed much in terms of their ideas and experiences to add to the pool of knowledge during the workshop. The evaluation of this workshop confirms that it was well-received by the participants and was a valuable learning experience.

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He acknowledged AIBD's commitment to supporting the continuous development of its members including Fiji and its neighbours in the Pacific.

GC Elections

During the General Conference, Maldives and Fiji were re-elected as the President and Vice President of the AIBD General Conference respectively for a period of two years with effect from July 2010.

Korea, China, Indonesia, Fiji and Papua New Guinea were elected as the new members of the AIBD Executive Board for a period of two years with effect from 1st of August 2009. Other members of the Executive Board are Iran, Maldives, Singapore and Malaysia.



Training Programmes

AIBD Director Dr Javad Mottaghi reported on AIBD's accomplishments from July 2008 to June 2009, saying that the Institute implemented 84 training activities 2009 benefiting 1,838 broadcasters. The Institute pursued other initiatives: Radio and TV Co-Production with Canada on Cultural Diversity, expanding the network of the Young Asian TV producers on HIV & AIDS by implementing a series of in-house workshops, open space and world café format of activities, new publications, Reforming & Enhancing Regulatory Mechanisms, and joint venture projects with Arab and African countries.

International and Regional Media Dialogues

AIBD successfully organised the Asia Media summit in Macau with more than 400 high caliber experts. Hosted by TDM-Teledifusão de Macau, AMS 2009 attended to some 14 pre and post summit events in collaboration with its partners. Dr Mottaghi thanked Manuel Gonçalves, Vice-Chairman and CEO, TDM-Teledifusão de Macau and his colleagues for their outstanding arrangements. He acknowledged the support of Mr Edmund Ho Hau Wah, Chief Executive of the Government of Macau Special Administrative Region (MSAR) People's Republic of China, Mr Wang Chen, Minister of the State Council Information Office People's Republic of China, as well as the Macao Foundation and the Friedrich Ebert Stiftung (FES).



Asia Media Summit

Dr Mottaghi announced that SARET will host the AMS in 2010 from 25-26 May 2010 in Beijing, in 2011 by VOV and MIC in Hanoi from 24-25 May, and in 2012 by India's Ministry of Information from 29-30 May in New Delhi.

In 2013, Indonesia's Ministry of Communication and Information Technologies (MCIT) will co-organise the AMS in Bali, and has expressed willingness to host the AMS back-to-back with the World Summit on Media for Children (WSMC).

To reinforce its mandate for media dialogue at the national and international level, the Institute is co-organising the 3rd Inter-Continental Media Dialogue from 9-10

Summary of Training Activities from July 2008 to June 2009

Period	Total Trainings/ Workshops	Total Seminars	Total Participants
July-December 2008	41 (771)	1 (91)	862
January-June 2009	37 (678)	5 (298)	976
Total: 1 July 2008 to 30 June 2009	78 (1,449)	6 (389)	84 (1,838)

November 2009 in Amsterdam, co hosted by Radio Netherlands Worldwide (RNW).

On the 1st Conference of the Heads of States on Information and Broadcasting in Asia-Pacific 2011 in Bali, Indonesia, the Ministry of Information and Communication Technologies (MCIT) and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs are following up the Conference. An organising committee will soon be formed in Jakarta for this purpose.



New Affiliate Membership

From July 2008 to June 2009, membership applications for 15 organisations were approved, bringing to 91 the total number of AIBD affiliate members.

Other Programme Initiatives

AIBD successfully implemented various regional and international radio and TV co production, including the "I am..." project with 46 participating TV producers from 28 countries, the co-production on the environment with ASEF TV, and on cultural diversity with Canada Radio and TV.

On HIV & AIDS, the Institute in collaboration with the GMAI and AMAI implemented over 15 in-country workshops in the region. It has completed the publication of the HIV and AIDS Handbook for TV Trainers and Producers, with support from UNESCO.

AIBD collaborated with IRIB, Iran and UNESCO in Kabul in implementing 19 training courses for 240 Afghan broadcasters in Kabul and Tehran. It provided advisory service to MRTV4, Myanmar, training programmes on quality programming and training needs analysis, in establishing the Radio and TV Training Center and in drafting a new organisational chart.

The Ministry of Information, Saudi Arabia, in its capacity as the Chairman of the Board for the Islamic Broadcasting Union (IBU) invited AIBD as a partner in helping restructure the IBU by implementing a series of projects in 57 IBU-member countries.



Publications

On Public Service Broadcasting (PSB), AIBD printed the Guidebook on an Asia Pacific Approach to PSB as part of its mandate in promoting this broadcasting model in the region. It plans to implement other innovative ideas to promote PSB in the region.

The Institute has also published other books to include the Asia Media Summit 2009, Handbook on Ethical Principles in Broadcasting, and DVD on Broadcasting and Cultural Diversity.

In 2009/2010, AIBD will publish the AIBD/CBA/FES Handbook on Media and Elections, AIBD/CBA Handbook on Maximizing Income and Controlling Costs In Small and Medium Broadcasting Operations, Minimum Quality Standards in HIV Communication by UNAIDS), and the Handbook on Training of Trainers

More International Partnerships

AIBD initiated the 1st meeting of the Partnership Committee for Media Development (PCMD), which was held on 28th May 2009 in Macau. It aims to strengthen the existing cooperation between AIBD and its partners, and the role that the media can play in achieving the MDGs.

Hosted by the President of the AIBD General Conference and the AIBD Strategic Plan Team, the meeting was attended by some 35 senior colleagues and partners. The Committee members agreed to:

1. push media development in the region and meet once a year, preferably to coincide with the Asia Media Summit.
2. increase the awareness of top-level people, including officials at the UNESCO, ITU, UNICEF, UN-ESCAP and other UN officials and encourage them to draft a tangible action plan for media development and for the MDGs.
3. support AIBD towards the successful holding of the 1st Conference of the Heads of States on Information and Broadcasting in Asia-Pacific region.

Elected as Committee Chairman was Walter Fust who heads the IPDC Council, UNESCO. Others elected were Hugues D Annoux, Chairman of the Board, Worldview Global Media SA and Dr Eun Ju Kim, Head, ITU Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific International Telecommunication Union (ITU) as Vice Chairs. AIBD will serve as the secretariat of the Committee, which will meet again after the AMS 2010 in Beijing.



Lieutenant Colonel Neumi Leweni Vice-President of the AIBD General Conference

Report on the Media Awards

Thirty-one entries from 15 countries participated in the Special World Television Award 2009 on "The Best TV Documentary Contributing to Conflict Resolution." They were from Korea, Iran, Switzerland, Cambodia, Vietnam, Bangladesh, India, Nepal, Syria, USA, Germany, South Africa, Russia, Canada and Hong Kong.

The top winner was "Morocco: Never Again," a documentary about two brave women from Morocco, Khadija and Fatima who endured prison, torture, and family separation only because they voiced opposition to the government of the then King Hassan. But they resolved their inner conflicts of resentment, anger and pain by becoming active members of the reconciliation committee formed by the present government in Morocco. They confronted their own conflicts within and have tried to face up to the injustice they suffered by bringing peace to the lives of others.

Dev.TV, Geneva, Switzerland submitted this winning entry, which was aired by the BBC World News. The documentary's executive producer was Mr Robert Lamb and director was Mr Kim Hopkins. The project was supported by UNIFEM, United Nations Development Fund For Women, and the Austrian Development Cooperation.

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The runner up went to “**Shanti Geet**” or Peace Song from Nepal. It brought together a group of young people from diverse and opposing backgrounds to create this peace song, proving that music knew no boundaries and could be a common ground where people of different ideologies could bond together.

Interface – Nepal submitted this entry which was broadcast by Kantipur Television Network. The documentary’s executive producer was Mr Shikha Prasaï and director, Dil Bhusan Pathak. The Search For Common Ground supported this award.

For next year, the theme for the World TV Award will be religious understanding and tolerance.

AIBD Awards 2009

Winners of the AIBD Awards in 2009 were announced at the General Conference. They were:

- The best TV documentary on the water issue was “**The Way Water Cries**”, submitted by CCTV, China
- The best radio programme integrating minorities was “**Human Feelings at Mountain Market Session**” submitted by VOV, Vietnam
- The best educational radio programme supporting health care went to “**Rural Women’s Health Education Service**”, submitted by China National Radio



Ms Cassandra Tay, Director, Communications and Community & International Relations

AIBD Pacific Media Partnership Committee

To pursue media development in the Pacific, the AIBD Pacific Media Partnership Committee was formed in Fiji. In their first meeting,

Committee members agreed to work towards getting their voices heard in other regions.

Elected Chairperson was Mrs G Faiesea Matafeo, Managing Director, Samoa Quality Broadcasting Co. Ltd., and Ms Nanise Fifita, Acting General Manager and Chief News Editor of Radio & TV Tonga, Tonga Broadcasting Commission, and Mr. Joseph Noel Ealedona, Managing Director, National Broadcasting Corporation of Papua New Guinea – NBC -PNG as Vice Chairpersons.

As its secretariat, the AIBD will work out a draft of the terms of reference for the Committee and finalise it after getting feedback from the AIBD Strategic Plan Team and the General Conference.

The Committee will complement media development initiatives of other local and regional organisations in the region like UNESCO, ITU, Pacific Islands News Association (PINA), The Secretariat of the Pacific Community (SPC), and the Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat (PIFS, Fiji).

Approval of the Reports

The General Conference approved the reports of the Strategic Plan Team Meetings on 28th of May in Macau and on 20th of July in Fiji, the Executive Board on 20th of July 2009 in Fiji and the International Partnership Committee on 20th of July 2009.

Pre and Post GC Workshops

A regional workshop on Media Law was organised during the GC. Some 40 participants mostly CEO’s and journalists from Asia and the Pacific region attended the workshop.



Mr. Cao Yin, Chairman of the AIBD Strategic Plan Team

Dr Venkat Iyer, a senior lecturer in law at the University of Ulster, UK, conducted the workshop. Among the topics covered were defamation, contempt of court, copyright and other legal concerns journalists face in their work.

A one-day regional seminar on HIV & AIDS was held on 24th of July. This was followed by a full day workshop on 25th of July on the same topic. The participants for the seminar discussed the roadblocks that broadcasters are facing when allocating adequate airtime to HIV and related issues and measuring the impact of their programmes on knowledge attitudes and behaviour of people. The broadcasters also examined the need to put in place an HIV workplace policy in broadcasting organisations and to inspire the other corporate sectors to do the same. The workshop that followed explored scientific, medical, psychological and social issues related to HIV. At the end, the participants agreed to co-operate and collaborate with each other to tackle HIV issues in their countries.



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Ms Min, Eun-Kyung, Senior Project Director, International Relations Dept, KBS

Professional Discussion Sessions at the GC in Fiji

The GC conducted three professional discussion sessions that provided a unique opportunity for broadcasters in Asia and the Pacific, North America and Europe to exchange their views on three themes: effective regulatory management for the broadcast industry, human capital management for broadcasters in the 21st century, and quality management systems: requirements for radio, TV broadcasters and Internet content producers; ISAS BC-9001.

Vote of Thanks to Fiji

Delegates expressed their sincere thanks and appreciation to the Government of the Republic of Fiji for their outstanding work, warm hospitality and excellent arrangements in hosting the 8th AIBD General Conference.



Group Photo

Strengthening Pacific Media

The AIBD Pacific Media Partnership Committee was set up in Fiji on 22 July 2009 to beef up initiatives in media development and help ensure that the Pacific voice is heard in other regions.

The Committee elected Mrs Faiese Matafeo, Managing Director, Samoa Quality Broadcasting Co Ltd as the Chairperson. Ms Nanise Fifita, Acting General Manager and Chief News Editor of Radio & TV Tonga, Tonga Broadcasting Commission, and Mr Joseph Noel Ealedona, Managing Director, NBC, were elected as Vice Chairpersons.

In their first meeting in Nadi, Fiji, the Committee agreed that AIBD would publish a "Who's Who in Broadcasting in the Pacific Islands" to include all broadcasters, ministries, partners and media stakeholders. A questionnaire will be circulated to identify and list the contact details of all key people in the broadcast sector in the region, such as broadcasters, regulators, partners, representatives of broadcast equipment manufactures and other stakeholders.

The broadcasters in the Pacific will also nominate a focal point for all communications related to broadcasting development.

The Committee identified other programmes and agreed on the following:

1. The AIBD secretariat will circulate questionnaires to all broadcasters in the region including non-members to identify the human resource developmental needs of the broadcasters in Pacific. It will analyse the developmental needs and create a priority list in HRD at regional and country levels in consultation with media partners.
2. The committee will consider organising an annual meeting of about one-week duration in the Pacific Islands from 2010 onwards. The meeting will have post/pre-event workshops on issues identified



Ms Nanise Fifita (Acting General Manager and Chief News Editor, Radio & TV Tonga), Tonga Broadcasting Commission and Mr Joseph Noel Ealedona (Managing Director), NBC were elected as Vice Chairpersons

as priority of the region by the analysis of development needs. Tonga volunteered to host the 2010 series of workshops. Papua New Guinea will host the 2011 series of workshops and Samoa in 2012.

3. The Committee will ensure a bigger Pacific presence in the Asia Media Summit of 2010 in Beijing, and tap this global event to carry its plans forward.
4. The Committee will tap the 'Who's Who' list in the Pacific in seeking funds from partners and cooperation from stakeholders for the short term, medium and long-term activities. FES has committed to allocate an annual fund for Pacific projects through the AIBD annual budget. Dr Paul Pasch, FES representative in Malaysia confirmed such support.
5. The Committee members will independently identify sources and raise funds for broadcasting development in their own countries.
6. The Committee has agreed to apply for UNESCO-IPDC Participation Programmes funding earmarked for media development. Mr James Bentley from the Fiji UNESCO Commission will communicate to the UNESCO Commissions of other countries to facilitate the acceptance of the projects for submission to UNESCO.



Election of the Chairperson and two Vice chairperson, Mrs Faiese Matafeo (Managing Director, Samoa Quality Broadcasting Co Ltd) was elected as the Chairperson

The Committee discussed other project ideas to include training programmes in Fiji, quality programmes in Samoa, Tonga and PNG, and issues on media freedom, regulatory issues, women related subjects, gender equality, public service broadcasting, HIV & AIDS, ICT and new media and convergence.

Pacific broadcasters also wanted to hold capacity building workshops on leadership, decision-making and mediation skills. They also acknowledged the need to increase tie-ups with local universities.

During the meeting Committee members recognised the initiatives in media development of organisations like UNESCO, ITU, PINA, SPC, PIFS, AusAid, ABC, CBA, etc., that are supplementing and complementing existing media activities in the region.



Science Awareness Kit for Broadcasters

By **K P Madhu**
Programme Manager, AIBD



Developments in science and technology have direct bearing on every day life of people. Yet most people do not really understand science or technology. The reason is obvious. Science doesn't always lend itself to easy understanding due to its insistence on consistency and rigour.

Yet people have the right to know, especially when research is funded by taxpayers' money.

This is where broadcasters come in. Yet since broadcasters are also like lay people where science is concerned and find it difficult to keep up with the scientific advances that are being made every day. There is therefore, a need to build the capacity of radio and television producers to understand science and to enable them to report it in simple everyday language of the citizens.

AIBD, supported by IPDC UNESCO, is creating a kit for training radio and TV producers. An in-country workshop was conducted in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia to pretest the contents of the kit. Producers from Radio Television Malaysia and Astro participated in the workshop.

From 3rd to 7th of August, the participants went through exercises in asking questions and searching for answers. They were taken through basic and advanced search methodologies using the Internet. Though the participants had previously used Google, they had not used its full potential. The differences in the search outcomes when using different search engines and use of advanced search

Legal Risks in Journalism

By **Manil Cooray**
Senior Programme Manager, AIBD

Some 40 participants mostly CEO's and journalists from Asia-Pacific participated in a two-day Regional Workshop on Media Law held in Nadi Fiji on 18 & 19 July 2009.

The workshop focused on the importance of basic legal knowledge and awareness of legal risks in the global media environment that has become more competitive and where journalistic techniques have become more sophisticated. The knowledge sharing has become valuable to broadcasters given the cross-border nature of the media.



The participants were able to acquire knowledge on key legal concepts and principles relevant to the day-to-day practice of journalism and laws such as defamation, contempt of court, and copyright and on addressing issues they are confronted with in the course of their work. Issues focused covered precautions to avoid libel suits, various defenses that are available to those who may fall foul of the law of defamation.

Contempt of court dealt with a variety of risks associated with journalistic coverage of legal proceedings and of the courts in general. The law of copyright focused on the principles and

methodologies, tips for going into the deep web which the search engines do not cover were new to the participants. They became excited about the information accessed through using directories and databases.

The workshop covered tips to understand the complex terminologies and concepts used by scientists, explanations about the structure of science and scientific communications between scientists and the techniques of scanning scientific reports for ideas and results that need to be communicated to the public.

The participants were also exposed to the need for viewing scientific research critically, to double check information from different sources and to use the information and

practical application, legal rules, infringement & related matters, privacy, how copyright was enforced, domestically and across national boundaries and the essence of copyright protection of journalists and broadcasters in their day-to-day work.

Dr Venkat Iyer, a senior lecturer in law at the University of Ulster, UK, conducted the workshop, which was highly interactive. The workshop was organised by AIBD with support from FES and UNESCO.



Dr Venkat Iyer



knowledge gained through searches and research for production of programmes of different genres.

The participants also learned about story telling techniques and techniques of editing the language to make it simple and easy to understand.

During the feedback session, the participants reported that what they learned during the workshop could be utilised not only for science programming but also for other kinds of productions.

The science awareness kit for broadcasters is being revised on the basis of the needs felt by the participants of the workshop.

'Red Lines' and Ethical Issues in Investigative Journalism

By **Luz Rimban**
Investigative Journalist and Workshop Consultant

Journalists from the Islamic Republic of Iran Broadcasting (IRIB) completed a five-day investigative journalism (IJ) training at the IRIB Training Center in Tehran from August 15 to 19, 2009.

The investigative journalism workshop, organised by IRIB and AIBD, aimed to provide participants with the tools and techniques needed to conduct in-depth research that will enable them to produce substantial compelling reports for television. Seventeen reporters, producers and researchers from IRIB and other government agencies participated in the five-day workshop.



The training was funded by UNESCO, which also hosted a briefing session for participants on August 18. Present at the briefing were representatives from the UN Information Centre, the UN Development Programme and UNESCO, who talked about the projects being implemented by 18 UN organisations toward meeting the UN's Millennium Development Goals (MDGs). The UN briefing was designed to provide participants with ideas for news reports that they could pursue after the training.



Mr Sunil Narula, UN Resident Coordinator and Director of United Nations Information Centre, Iran



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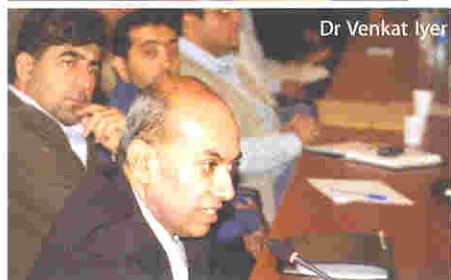
Mr Mehdi Kamyab, Team Leader of Environment/ Disaster Risk Management Cluster, UNDP, Tehran



Workshop participants at the UN briefing

AIBD tapped two trainers to conduct the workshop proper. Filipino investigative journalist Luz Rimban handled the sessions on investigative research and writing during the workshop. Rimban is an experienced and award-winning investigative reporter who teaches journalism at the University of the Philippines and the Ateneo de Manila University.

Ms Luz Rimban



Dr Venkat Iyer

Dr Venkat Iyer, senior law lecturer at the University of Ulster in Ireland handled sessions on media law and ethics. Iyer is an author of law books and also a consultant of the AIBD. He tackled such topics as defamation and copyright, as well as ethical issues that investigative reporters face.

During the opening ceremony, IRIB Training Center chief Mahmood Arbabi said he was looking forward to the output to be produced by participants in the investigative journalism workshop, as well as in the workshop on disaster preparedness that was held simultaneously.

Mr Qunli Han, Representative & Director of UNESCO Tehran Cluster Office, also spoke, saying that the keys to success in empowering journalists in times of crisis and disasters and in performing their role in society cover equal access to information, transparency, fairness, good governance and free expression. He said that he expected an exchange of ideas and experiences on access to information that will help Iranian journalists do their work.



(From left): Mahmood Arbabi, IRIB Training Center Chief and Qunli Han, UNESCO Director and Representative in Tehran,



During the workshop, the participants discussed story ideas as well as challenges faced by Iranian journalists working for a state-owned broadcast company. These challenges include overcoming what they called "red lines" or topics that are considered off-limits to the network. They also raised questions about ethical dilemmas that have to do with journalistic methods.

Participants in the IJ workshop produced four investigative proposals, which they said they would pursue after the training. The stories were about health (avian flu), traffic (Tehran's odd-even traffic scheme), aviation (airline disasters), and art (paintings in Tehran museums).

The participants said they found the training very useful and, during the workshop's closing ceremony, urged the IRIB Training managers to conduct more such trainings in the future.