

Activity Report 2007



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in order to facilitate the development of free,
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FREE PRESS PROMOTION CAMPAIGNS

Press Freedom Days Campaign

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During May, the Independent Journalism Center (IJC), Association of Independent Press, Broadcast Media Association, "Access-Info" Center, Media Center for the Youth, Center of Young Journalists of Moldova, Press Freedom Committee, Union of Journalists of Moldova, Investigative Journalism Center etc. organized a series of events to mark the Press Freedom Day on May 3.

The "Press Freedom Days" (PFD) took place on 3 May in the conference room of Info-

Prim Neo news agency. The press conference was attended by the organizers of the 2007 edition of Press Freedom Days. The new version of IJC website – **www.ijc.md** – was also launched during the press conference.

During the PFD, on 3 May, IJC organized a Press Club meeting titled "Training of Moldovan Journalists", which was attended by deans and faculty members from Moldova State University, Free International University of Moldova, Moldova University for European Studies, Slavonic University of Moldova and Chisinau School of Advanced Journalism.

During 1 May – 15 June 2007, IJC conducted the campaign for the matriculation at the Chisinau School of Advanced Journalism.

Chisinau School of Advanced Journalism

Partners:

*Missouri School of Journalism
Paris-based CFPJ journalists' training
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Funded by

NED, MATRA program of the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs, implemented through PRESS NOW.

First class of the Chisinau School of Advanced Journalism (CSAJ) graduated on 7 July 2007. The event took place in the presence of tens of foreign guests and Chisinau media directors and representatives. CSAJ founders and instructors handed over the graduation certificates. Among them were Carole Brennan, the author of the idea to build IJC, and Byron Scott, professor at the Missouri School of Journalism, USA, Richard Pernollet, trainer at the Paris-based CFPJ journalists' training center, France, Alina Radu, director of the newspaper "Ziarul de Gardă", Artur Corghencea, editor of "PRO TV Chişinău", and Alexandru Canţir, head of the BBC in Chişinău.

For ten months nineteen CSAJ graduates studied the basics of print and broadcast journalism, media law, photojournalism and on-line journalism. The students also had specialized courses, such as covering business and economic policy, election reporting, covering the EU, investigative reporting and media management. The course work was followed by a four-week internship at the main Moldovan media outlets: "BBC", "Jurnal de Chişinău", "Info-Prim Neo", "TV7", "Europa liberă" / "Free Europe", "Infotag", "Ziarul de Gardă".

CSAJ courses ended with the writing of final papers. They were presented in public and assessed by a commission made up of journalists and representatives of specialized non-governmental organizations: Valentina Ursu, journalist at Radio "Europa Liberă", Petru Macovei, executive director of the Association of Independent Press, Corina Cepoi, IJC ad interim director

Artur Corghencea, editor at "PRO TV Chişinău", Nadine Gogu, researcher at IJC, Vitalie Dogaru, CSAJ academic coordinator.

The CSAJ graduation certificates were signed by IJC, School of Journalism at Missouri University and Paris-based Journalism School and Training Center. Five "high honors" and twelve "honors" certificates were awarded to the school graduates, along with two "ordinary" certificates.

At the end of the year, sixteen graduates of the CSAJ were already working in Moldovan media, and three other were involved in other media-related projects. Also in 2007, two CSAJ graduates were awarded prizes in the Press Gala "Ten Journalists of the Year". Liliana Barbăroşie, as reporter at Radio "Europa Liberă", received the title of the best radio journalist, and Irina Lipcanu, journalist at the magazine "Business Class", was awarded the title "Young Hopeful of the Year."

The admission for matriculation at CSAJ for the 2007-2008 school year was announced in the spring of 2007. The campaign started with an "Admission Convoy" and included a number of presentations of the School at university centers in Cahul, Comrat, Bălţi, Tiraspol and Chişinău, which were attended by university graduates, representatives of the civil society and local governments. The matriculation conditions, courses taught at the school, instructors, study conditions and opportunities after graduation were presented during the "Admission Convoy".

About forty candidates applied for admission to CSAJ. They were selected by an evaluation commission made up of Nadine Gogu, IJC researcher, Alina Radu, from newspaper "Ziarul de Gardă", Liliana Vişu, press officer at Eurasia Foundation, Corina Cepoi, IJC ad interim director, Vitalie Dogaru, academic coordinator at CSAJ.

After reviewing the candidates' applications, their admission tests and interviews, the com-

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mission selected 16 individuals for admission. For the first time, six of the students will have to pay for their education at CSAJ and the other ten will benefit from scholarships. Only three of the students of the second class had graduated from departments of journalism, the others have backgrounds in sociology, philology, finance, political studies, history and physical education.

The new school year started at CSAJ on 10 September 2007. Unlike the previous year, the schedule of courses was structured around two main components. In the fall semester, the students studied the basics of journalism, and in the spring semester they specialized in political, economic, social, management and other areas.

The classes started with basic concepts of journalism and news writing (instructor - Liliana Vițu, former correspondent at BBC Chișinău). This was followed by practical courses in writing reports (instructor - Alina Radu, director of the newspaper "Ziarul de Gardă") and interviews (instructor - Vitalie Dogaru, academic coordinator at CSAJ). Also during the fall semester, the students had courses in "Photojournalism" (instructor - Nicolae Pojoga, university lecturer), "Ethics" (Alex Brăduț Ulmanu, instructor at the Independent Journalism Center in Bucharest), "Media law" (instructor - Olivia Pîrțac, attorney) and "Newspaper design" (instructor - Koen Geurts, designer, The Netherlands).

The course in radio journalism lasted three weeks and was taught by a number of area journalists, such as Vasile Botnaru from Radio "Europa Liberă", Alexandru Canțir from Radio "BBC" and Valentina Ursu from Radio "Europa Liberă". The group leader was Charles Mynes, a journalist at "Voice of America", coordinator of the Association of Independent Radio Stations of Russia. The course was practical in providing the students opportunities to produce a number of articles and programs in newsroom conditions.

The course in TV journalism was also held in newsroom conditions. The instructors Yana Cozari-Ivancenco from "TV7" and Artur Corghencea from "PRO TV Chișinău" were assisted by Olga Jdanaia, image editor at TV "Moldova 1", former student at CSAJ, and Marin Iliuț, cameraman at "OWH TV Studio". The students studied the specifics of TV materials, after which they worked for one week in a Chisinau TV studio.

The first semester of the 2007-2008 school year culminated with the production of two school newspapers: "The Rush Hour" and "Epicenter". The students were guided in these activities by Igor Guzun, editor at the magazine "Urma ta" and Petru Macovei, executive director of the Association of Independent Press.

The year 2007 was for the School of Advanced Journalism a year of pursuits and trials of new methods of journalism teaching in Moldova. Throughout this period, the school management undertook a number of measures aimed at improving the curriculum, with assistance from foreign experts, specifically from the Netherlands. Thus, CSAJ has at present a well-structured and coherent curriculum, which offers quality education and opportunities of assertion in the media to the students. Also during 2007, the School of Advanced Journalism created a database of instructors that can teach journalism and that contributed to their training.

The first class of journalists trained at CSAJ has already been remarked on the Moldovan media market. Certain developments have already been appreciated by a number of media outlets and even by the Chisinau Press Club.

You can find more details about the school on the webpage www.scoaladejournalism.md.

RESEARCH AND PUBLICATIONS. MEDIA MONITORING

The project “Bridging the Nistru: Media Synergies in Support of Conflict Resolution in Moldova”

Funded by

the UK Global Conflict Prevention Pool

Implemented in partnership with

the BBC World Service Trust

**Implementation period: July 2007 –
March 2009**

This project aims to strengthen the relations of professional cooperation between the journalists on both sides of Nistru by highlighting leading journalistic practices that would contribute to the reporting in a balanced, in-depth and interesting manner of complex phenomena as well as to contribute to building the capacity of Moldovan public broadcast institutions.

The project comprises a number of components, including:

- Needs assessment analysis of participating media
- Training and consultancy programs for journalists (according to the classical model as well as on-line courses), held by BBC experts
- Production of joint materials by journalist teams from the three conventional regions of Moldova
- Monthly meetings of the Chisinau Press Club
- Production of public debate programs for TV and radio stations
- Development of the electronic publication **www.dialog.md**.

During 2007, the following activities were carried out under this project:

- Project launching conference,
- A study regarding the analysis of mass media needs,
- Meetings of the Chisinau Press Club,
- Electronic publication **www.dialog.md**

Project launching conference

The project was officially launched during a conference organized in Chisinau on 5 October. The event was attended by approximately 50 journalists from various regions of Moldova, members of nongovernmental organizations, representatives of the donors, partner organizations and public authorities (Moldovan Ministry of Reintegration). The main project components and the mini-portal www.dialog.md were introduced during the conference, and the journalist and consultant Nicholas Nugent (BBC – London), specializing in reporting diversity and conflict, made a presentation on the role of the news media as a catalyst for social change. The conference participants also discussed possible risks and difficulties during project implementation and how to overcome them.

Analysis of mass media needs

The study on the analysis of the media needs was conducted by BBC World Service Trust. During 9-12 October, BBC representatives Kevin Burden and Răzvan Scorțea had a number of meetings with the representatives of the National Public Broadcaster “Teleradio-Moldova”, of the Public Regional Broadcaster “Teleradio-Găgăuzia”, of the Comrat-based private TV station “Yeni Ay” as well as with the members of the Broadcasting Coordinating Council, Broadcast Media Association, and with journalists from various Transnistrian media outlets. This study aimed to determine the training needs of the local media participating in the project.

Electronic publication www.dialog.md

In response to the idea of a number of project participants to create an electronic publication that would involve journalists from all three

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conventional regions of Moldova (Transnistria, TAU Gagauz-Yeri, and the rest of the country), at the end of 2006, IJC decided to set up a new project component and to launch a contest for the teams that would develop and implement the concept of an on-line publication, to contribute to strengthening the good relations among the inhabitants of various regions of Moldova. Five journalist teams from the three conventional regions of Moldova participated in the contest for the development of the electronic publication.

The project of the on-line publication Dialog.md – social-political mini-portal, prepared by

Dumitru Mînzărari (Chişinău, editor-in-chief and analytical coordinator), Semion Niculin (Chişinău, edition editor and coordinator for the central region of Moldova), Grigori Volovoi (Bender/Tighina, coordinator for the Transnistrian region), Veaceslav Dolgov (Bălţi, coordinator for the northern region), and Iuri Dzeatkovski (coordinator for the southern region) was selected to implement this component. The site’s mission is to promote a constructive dialogue among various identity groups in Moldova. The first issue of the on-line publication www.dialog.md was launched on 28 March 2007. In 2007, there came out 22 issues of this publication.

Public Awareness Component of the New Perspectives for Women Project/Anti-trafficking Initiative

Funded by

the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), through Winrock International

The aim of the project is to contribute to improved dissemination of information to the public about the phenomenon of human trafficking and its prevention. From January to December 2007 the following activities were carried out:

- Production of special radio/ TV programs (“Destinies and Destinations”) on the prevention and fight against human trafficking, and their broadcasting by local stations
- Writing and publication of the syndicated articles on the topic in the “Fermierul” supplement of the Association of Independent Press
- Media monitoring and production of quarterly reports
- Publication of the collection “We write in order to inform and prevent. Collection of articles on human trafficking in Moldova”
- Internships in the field of journalism in the local newsrooms

Production of “Destinies and Destinations” radio and TV programs

During 2007, 10 TV and 24 radio “Destinies and Destinations” programs were produced. The mission of these programs is to contribute to a better information of the public about human trafficking and its prevention; to inform the target-group (women aged between 16 and 25, from rural areas, which is the social segment that is the most exposed to the trafficking danger), about the alternatives of illegal work abroad. The project aims to develop modern, dynamic and attractive programs that are ac-

cessible to the target-group.

In 2007, the “Destinies and Destinations” programs were broadcast by five radio stations: Radio “Sănătatea” (Edineț), “Radio Orhei”, Radio “Media” (Cimișlia), “Albena” (Taraclia), “Radio Glodeni”, as well as by eight TV stations: TV “Moldova 1”, “DTV” (Chișinău), “Euro TV” (Chișinău), “Sor-TV” (Soroca), TV “Elita” (Rezina), “STV-41” (Taraclia), “Bas-TV” (Basarabasca) and “TV Prim” (Glodeni).

The radio programs were broadcast twice a month, and the TV programs – once a month. The duration of TV programs is about 20-25 minutes, and of radio programs – ten minutes.

Syndicated articles

In 2007, twelve syndicated articles were published in the “Fermierul” supplement. Their goal is to contribute to a better coverage by print media of efficient measures for preventing human trafficking and illegal migration, in accordance with the strategy of the New Perspectives for Women Project as well as to establish sustainable liaisons with the regional support centers and with their beneficiaries. Each syndicated article had as its protagonist one of the beneficiaries of the programs carried out by the Bălți, Soroca, Cahul and Comrat regional support centers of the New Perspectives For Women Project.

This project component was implemented in partnership with the Association of Independent Press. In 2007, the “Fermierul” supplement was inserted in the following API member Romanian language newspapers: “Business Info” (Cimișlia), “Cuvântul” (Rezina), “Cuvântul liber” (Leova), “Ecolul nostru” (Sângerei), “Est-Curier” (Criuleni), “Gazeta de Vest” (Nisporeni), “Glasul Națiunii” (Chișinău), “Glia

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drochiană” (Drochia), “Observatorul de Nord” (Soroaca), “Ora locală” (Ialoveni), “Unghiul” (Ungheni), as well as in two Russian language newspapers (until May 2007): “SP” (Bălți) and “Novaia gazeta” (Tighina/Bender).

Media monitoring and production of quarterly reports

In 2007, the IJC continued to monitor articles featuring aspects of internal and external human trafficking for the purpose of prostitution, forced labor, begging and petty crime, as well as organ harvesting, along with activities/projects aimed to combat these phenomena and provide new opportunities to vulnerable population segments. Both the content features of articles and types of journalistic article processing were studied.

Monitoring had the following specific objectives:

- to provide a systematic review of available reporting patterns on the issue;
- to establish whether current reporting to establish whether current reporting reflects all aspects of the phenomenon in a comprehensive and in-depth manner;
- to formulate recommendations on “journalistic best practices” that would help raise public awareness about human trafficking and its prevention.

Seven of the most popular general-interest newspapers with nationwide circulation had been selected for analysis (based on their reach and market shares: “Săptămîna,” “Timpul de dimineață,” “Moldova suverană,” “Jurnal de Chișinău,” “Novoe vremea,” “Nezavisimaia

Moldova” and “Moldavskie vedomosti.”

In addition, the monitoring of four regional weekly newspapers began in December 2006: “Cahul Express” (Cahul), “Vesti Gagauzii” (Comrat), “Observatorul de Nord (Soroaca) and “SP” (Bălți).

In 2007, four media monitoring reports (No. 9-12) were prepared and published (in Romanian, Russian and English). All media monitoring reports can be found on IJC website, at: http://www.ijc.md/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=25&Itemid=46.

Publication “We write in order to inform and prevent. Collection of articles about human trafficking in Moldova”

In September 2007, IJC published the book “We write in order to inform and prevent. Collection of articles on human trafficking in Moldova”, which contains 22 articles written by the journalists Angela Brașoveanu, Ana Butnariuc, Iuliana Josu, Irina Codrean, Veaceslav Dolgov, Olesea Hâncu, Angela Lesco, Olga Savcenco, Antonina Sârbu, Vitalie Hadei, Tatiana Marcu, Ion Mititelu, Angelina Olaru and Valeriu Țurcan. The collection was structured into two parts: part I – “Prevention of human trafficking” – includes 13 articles, and part II – “Opportunities” – eight articles.

The articles included in this collection were published during 2006 in various Moldovan news media. They were also submitted in a competition of articles written on one of the following topics: prevention and fighting of human trafficking, illegal migration and domestic violence, business ideas in the rural area,

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and creation of opportunities for Moldovan women. The contest was announced by IJC and by the New Perspectives for Women Project, implemented by Winrock International, with the financial support of USAID, and was held during 2006, being organized by two compartments: national media and local media.

The collection of articles was published in a bilingual version (Romanian and Russian), with a print-run of 500 copies. The publication is distributed free of charge. Those who wish to get a copy of the publication can contact IJC. The book is also available in electronic format and can be accessed on IJC website:
[http://www.ijc.md/index.php?option=com_con](http://www.ijc.md/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=52&Itemid=83)

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Journalism internships at local media outlets

This internship program was implemented during summer 2007. Six young women interested in journalism, from Cahul, Bălți and Soroca, worked for a month in the newsrooms of the newspaper “Cahul Expres” and of the radio station “Univers FM” in Cahul, at the news agency “Deca-press” in Bălți, at the newspaper “Realitatea” and at the TV station “Sor TV” in Soroca. The interns were given the opportunity to learn specifics in working in a media outlet and prepare materials for publication and broadcasting.

The project “Prospects for creating professional and sustainable media in Gagauz-Yeri autonomous region”

Funded by

the OSCE Mission to Moldova and the Swedish Helsinki Committee for Human Rights.

In partnership with

the Association of Independent Press, “Acces-Info” Center, Regional Center “Contact” – Comrat.

Period of implementation: July 2007 – January 2008

The project aimed at providing the necessary assistance to journalists, journalism professors from the Gagauz-Yeri autonomous region as well as to representatives of local executive and legislative powers in the process of denationalization of the media and establishment of independent and profitable media outlets, which started in this region at the beginning of 2007. The project also focused on ensuring the necessary tools in the process of reorganization of the media and on raising the awareness regarding the benefits of implementing the reforms in a manner as efficient as possible. The non-governmental organizations which implemented this project also aimed to contribute to the professionalization of print and broadcast media in the region.

The following activities were carried out during the project:

- Interview of local media representatives and authorities in view of determining their needs;
- Project launching and concluding conferences
- Training and consultancy programs for print and broadcast media
- Review of media legislation
- Publication of a set of toolkits and of the project final report

Analysis of needs of Gagauz-Yeri media

Forty two individuals, including 23 broadcast journalists, twelve print journalists and seven representatives of the local public administration and regional legislators answered the questionnaire developed by the project partners. The interviewed persons expressed their opinions about the journalists’ training needs, work conditions, “forbidden topics”, rapports with the local authorities, level of independence of the regional media as well as the obstacles met thereby during the reformation process.

Project launching conference

The conference took place on 26 September in the town of Comrat. The event was attended by about 30 print and broadcast journalists from the region, faculty from the Comrat State University, local authorities and members of regional and Chisinau non-governmental organizations. Conference attendees focused on the components of the project “Perspectives of creation of professional and profitable news media in Gagauz-Yeri”, national and international legal regulations on development of independent media and access to public information, achievements and perspective of local independent media. Also, the preliminary results of the project “Analysis of needs of Moldovan news media” were presented and a micro-survey of the participating journalists and public authority representatives was conducted.

Training and consultancy programs for print and broadcast media

Three trainings and one consultancy program were organized for the print and broadcast media under the project, which were held by Internews-Ukraine instructors and by local journalists and instructors.

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During 12-19 October, two training programs were held in the town of Comrat - “Effective newsroom management of a local broadcaster” and “Radio and TV reportage” – which were attended by over 30 radio and broadcast journalists from the Gagauz-Yeri autonomous region as well as by the faculty of Comrat State University. The trainings were held by Iulia Vinokur, general director of the regional TV station “TV 4” from Ternopol (Ukraine) and professor of journalism at the National University located in the same town, as well as by the local experts Vasile State and Alexandru Dorogan (Broadcast Media Association). The trainees in “Effective newsroom management of a local broadcaster” discussed such topics as the structure of a newsroom, human resources management, day-to-day and strategic planning, structure and mission of a broadcast reportage, promotion of news programs, professional standards and ethical norms of information journalism. The trainees of the second training program focused more on aspects related to the structure and technology of production of radio and TV reports, specifics of team work, etc.

In the period 25-28 October, a training program for print journalists from Gagauz-Yeri was organized. The training “Covering community issues in print media” was held in Comrat and was led by the experts Zoia Kazanji (Odesa, Ukraine), journalist with over 20 years of experience in print media, and Slava Perunov (Bălți, Moldova), co-founder of the SP weekly. The trainees discussed in detail a number of aspects from the journalists’ daily work and the contents of a periodical publication, among which the professional standards and ethical principles of journalists; newspaper as a product and the factors leading to a newsroom’s success; community-interest subjects; news gathering and writing, news sources,

interviewing for print media; facts and arguments, commentaries and opinions, etc.

During 26 November – 5 December, a broad consultancy training program was organized on effective management of a media outlet, motivation of employees and ad sales, held by the professor and doctor in pedagogy Tatiana Ivanova (Kiev, Ukraine), instructor with extensive experience in this area, as well as by the local instructors Nicolae Sanduleac (Ung-heni) and Rodica Deleu (Bălți). Beneficiaries included the staff of the newspapers “Panorama” (Vulcănești), “Vesti Gagauzii”, “Edinaya Gagauzia” and “Stolitsa” (Comrat), “Express Aiin Aciic” and “Nastoiășee Znamia” (Ceadâr-Lunga) and TV stations “Teleradio-Gagauzia”, “Yeni Ay” and “ATV” (Comrat), “Aiin Aciic” (Ceadâr-Lunga), “Vultelcom” (Vulcănești). The consultants also visited the newsroom of the newspaper “Cahul Express” in the town of Cahul, whose managers showed increased interest in the project and participated in a number of its activities.

The participants in these training and consultancy programs appreciated especially their practical character (as the instructors had broad experience in mass media), their utility and topicality of the tackled subjects, as well as the idea of organizing them in the Gagauz-Yeri autonomous region, in Comrat, which allowed many of them to participate actively in the training activities.

Analysis of media legislation

The analysis of the media law, especially of the regional broadcast law, aimed to establish whether it facilitates or impedes the reformation of the media in TAU Gagauz-Yeri. It was conducted by Eugeniu Rîbca, media law expert, and Vasile Spinei, president of Acces-

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Info Center. The experts also reviewed the responses of the participants in the micro-survey conducted during the project launching conference. Their commentaries and conclusions were included in the final report, published at the end of the project.

Toolkits

At the end of the training and consultancy component, the trainers formulated a number of recommendations for the print and broadcast media from the Gagauz-Yeri autonomous region, which were included in two brochures: “Mass media in Gagauz-Yeri – from state control to independence. Recommendations for print media” and “Mass media in Gagauz-Yeri – from state control to independence. Recommendations for broadcast media.”

The authors of the recommendations are Rodica Deleu, Alexandru Dorogan, Nicolae Sanduleac, Vasile State (Moldova), Tatiana Ivanova, Zoia Kazanji and Iulia Vinokur (Ukraine). They refer to effective management of periodical publications, radio and TV stations, to the editorial activity of the media in the region and to ad sales. The two brochures were illustrated by Alex Dimitrov. They came out in a bilingual version. Each brochure has a print-run of 200 copies.

Under the same project IJC published the Moldovan journalists’ code of professional ethics (in Romanian and Russian), in a total print-run of 200 copies.

The brochures are also available in electronic format and can be accessed on IJC website, at

http://www.ijc.md/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=52&Itemid=83.

Final report

The final report of the project “Perspectives of establishment of professional and profitable media in Gagauz-Yeri” includes a commentary on the Broadcaster Law of Gagauz-Yeri autonomous region (adopted by the People’s Assembly in July 2007) and a number of recommendations on the transformation of the state broadcaster “Teleradio-Gagauzia” into a public regional broadcaster, formulated by Eugeniu Ribca, media law expert. The final report also includes a synthesis (prepared by Petru Macovei) of the answers of journalists and local public authority representatives to the questionnaire on the needs of project participants. The publication includes a number of recommendations for print and broadcast media, formulated by the instructors who participated in the project’s training and consultancy activities. The authors of the recommendations are Rodica Deleu, Alexandru Dorogan, Veaceslav Perunov, Nicolae Sanduleac, Vasile State (Moldova), Tatiana Ivanova, Zoia Kazanji and Iulia Vinokur (Ukraine). The report also includes a number of proposals for enhancing the cooperation among media, local public administration and non-governmental organizations, prepared by Vasile Spinei.

The report came out in Romanian and Russian, in a print-run of 100 copies. It is also available in electronic format and can be accessed on IJC website, at: http://www.ijc.md/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=52&Itemid=83.

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All publications were distributed free of charge to all journalists from Gagauz-Yeri who participated in the project as well to media representatives from other Moldovan towns.

Concluding conference

The conference marking the end of the project “Perspectives of establishment of professional and profitable media in Gagauz-Yeri” took place on 29 January 2008 in Comrat. The conference was attended by journalists from the region, representatives of Comrat State University, governor of the Gagauz-Yeri regional

autonomy, Mihail Formuzal, People’s Assembly representatives, Chairman of the Broadcasting Coordinating Council, Gheorghe Gorincioi, and members of non-governmental organizations from the country.

Conference attendees discussed the project components and results, implementation of the broadcast law of Gagauz-Yeri and the transformations at Teleradio-Gagauzia, the rapports between the media and the local government as well as the steps to be taken in view of finalizing the denationalization of the media in the region.

The project “Developing curricula on diversity reporting”

Funded by

the Office of the OSCE High Commissioner on National Minorities.

The project aimed at training the media professionals to develop curricula on diversity reporting for use by various education institutions and media outlets.

Project activities included:

- Organization of training programs for university faculty and journalists
- Translation and publication of the manuals “Applied conflictology for journalists” and “Journalism manual”

Training programs

During 25-28 July, IJC organized the first workshop as part of a comprehensive training program aimed at developing curricula on diversity reporting, which was attended by 11 people (journalism instructors from Moldova State University, Free International University of Moldova, Slavic University, University for European Studies, Chisinau School of Advanced Journalism and journalists from Chisinau, Comrat and Tiraspol).

The training was led by Dr. Mark Grigoryan, producer at BBC World Service in London, expert on the Caucasus, post-Soviet studies and conflicts and author/editor of a number of specialized books. The following participated as guest experts: Dumitru Mânzărari and Ghenadie Mocanu (IDIS “Viitorul”), Natalia Angheli-Zaicenco (IJC), Natalia Esmanciuc (Gender-Doc Center) and Daniela Terzi-Barbăroșie (National Center for Studies and Information for Women Issues “Partnership for Development”).

The training agenda focused on the following subjects: IJC experience with training; what and how we would like to teach in higher education institutions and how we can do it; how we should cover diversity and what skills and abilities today’s journalists lack; ethnical diversity in Moldova: problems and perspectives; covering ethnicity in Moldovan media: results of monitoring conducted by IJC; issues related to the coverage of homosexuality in Moldovan media; covering issues related to gender, age and the disabled.

The individual on-line consultancy stage took place after the training, during August – October 2007, when project participants were coached by Dr. Mark Grigoryan in the development of diversity teaching curricula.

During 29-31 October, IJC conducted the second workshop under the training program for developing curricula on diversity reporting. Five curricula were presented during the workshop, produced by Nadine Gogu (IJC, School of Advanced Journalism), Vlad Madan (Moldova State University), Vera Tudose and Anjelica Trifonova (Slavic University), Nicolae Pojoga (Moldova State University), Natalia Scurtul newspaper “Profsoiuznie vesti”, Tiraspol). The curricula will be used after finalization in the teaching process in the institutions represented by each project participant.

Translation and publication of books “Applied conflictology for journalists” and “Journalism manual”

IJC published the Romanian-language version of the books “Applied conflictology for journalists” and “Journalism manual.” Both books were published by the Center for Journalism in Extreme Situations from Russia in 2006 and

The project “Developing curricula on diversity reporting”

respectively 2007. The first book was edited, while the second book was written by Mark Grigoryan, project instructor.

The collection of articles offered to the reader of “Applied conflictology for journalists” is dedicated to conflict-sensitive reporting. The book’s authors highlight the important role of the media in ensuring the citizens’ right to learn about the appearance, development and consequences of conflicts of social importance. In this context, specialists point out that media newsrooms can be and often are tools for unleashing and even for worsening conflicts. To avoid this, the article authors think that it is useful to have the necessary knowledge, to apply correctly the contemporary theory of conflicts, and to observe legal norms and professional ethics. The analytical articles in this publication are based on a comprehensive practical material and the authors have extensive experience with direct participation in the settlement of informational disputes. The publication is meant for print and broadcast journalists and for journalism lecturers.

The “Journalism manual” contains recommendations and practical tips on writing techniques in various journalistic genres – from news to analytical articles and journalistic investigations. Each genre is analyzed within

the concrete framework of the journalism practiced in the post-soviet space as well as of the Western journalism. The author shows how a journalistic text is structured, its component parts and how they merge. The book also includes a number of “secrets of the trade”, i.e. tips for a presentation as efficient and interesting as possible of the article, procedures to optimize the journalistic narration etc. The manual is especially valuable for the fact that each chapter includes a number of articles which the author offers for analysis as well as practical exercises to help consolidate the studied subject. A separate section at the end of the book contains the “Solutions to practical exercises”. Utility and clarity of the narration are obviously the merits of this book. The “Journalism manual” is meant for students and journalists from the CIS countries.

The print-run of the Romanian-language version of each book is one thousand copies and of the Russian-language version – 400 copies.

The publications are distributed free of charge. Those who wish to get a copy can contact IJC. The books are also available in electronic format and may be accessed on IJC website: http://www.ijc.md/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=52&Itemid=83

The project “Comprehensive Assessment of Media Needs in the Republic of Moldova”

Funded by

the OSCE Mission to Moldova and Soros Foundation-Moldova.

Implementing period of time: January - December 2007

The project “A Comprehensive Assessment of Media Needs in the Republic of Moldova” aimed to provide a comprehensive analysis of Moldova’s media landscape and the major challenges faced by the country’s news outlets.

The assessment of current capacities and needs of media organizations throughout Moldova was launched in January 2007 with the goal:

- to obtain baseline data about the profile of news outlets operating in the country, the current technical level, newsroom structure and ownership patterns;
- to identify current needs of media institutions in what concerns technical assistance, training of personnel and developing effective regulatory and self-regulatory mechanisms.

The project was carried out using the research methods of descriptive survey, in-depth interviews and focus groups. Two teams of researchers have been involved – one from the IJC and another one from the Chisinau-based Center for Community and Gender Studies (CSCSG).

Major results of the present study include identifying the number of media outlets that currently operate throughout the country,

as well as the number of full-time journalists they employ. The share of different media types has been established, along with major registration/ownership forms. The publication describes current reporting practices and newsroom needs, as well journalists’ perceptions about the state of their rapports with peers, news consumers, advertisers, authorities, media regulators, press distributors, etc. Other research highlights include overview of major challenges in the areas of professional development and labor relations, access to information and the economics of the media.

The report has three main sections:

- an overview of media performance based on the results of previous research (both external and in-house),
- the country’s media landscape based on the results of a nationwide survey of 420 outlets and a series of in-depth interviews with media managers,
- an analysis of media needs and challenges identified during focus groups and additional interviews.

The study concludes with a series of “next steps,” i.e. recommendations for various stakeholders.

The full text of the report can be accessed on the IJC web page at:
http://ijc.md/Publicatii/Media_Needs_Assessment.pdf.

Round table “Scientific technologies and innovations of 21st century. Perspectives of coverage of scientific research results in Moldovan media”

Funded by

the UNESCO Moscow Office.

The round table “Scientific technologies and innovations of 21st century. Perspectives of coverage of scientific research results in Moldovan media” was organized on 22 November. The event was attended by Moldovan journalists and scientists. The attendees discussed various issues related to the cooperation between research institutions and the media, the perspectives and ways of improving rapports between them, methods of promotion by local media of scientific innovations of Moldovan scientists. Among

the round table participants who made speeches on the topic were Tatiana Rotaru, spokesperson of the Moldovan Academy of Sciences, Ion Tighineanu, Academy’s vice-president, Veaceslav Afanasiev, director of the State Agency for Innovation and Technological Transfer; Dorian Chiroșca, head of the State Agency for the Protection of Intellectual Property, Silvia Harnău, director of the Center for Economic Semiotics of Moldova, and Iulia Semionova, deputy editor-in-chief of “Nezavisimaia Moldova”. The pilot study “Coverage of scientific research results in Moldovan media” was also presented during the round table.

Analytical report on media coverage of scientific issues in the Republic of Moldova

Funded by

the UNESCO Moscow Office.

The analytical report on media coverage of scientific issues in the Republic of Moldova was developed based on a two-tier study carried out in September-November 2007. At the first stage, there were analyzed articles referring to scientific research and the activity of Moldovan Academy of Sciences, published in five newspapers with national coverage: “Moldova Suverană”, “Jurnal de Chişinău”, “Timpul”, “Nezavisimaia Moldova” and “Komsomolskaia Pravda”. The second research step included interviews with the editors-in-chief of the mentioned publications and representatives of Moldovan science community.

The study showed that science coverage in Moldovan media is inadequate and science-related topics are not a priority for Moldovan press. The coverage of scientific events is frequently assigned to reporters lacking proper background or training. The findings point to problems in communication between scientists and the media. The latter often complain about the negative attitude of scientists towards

journalists, and about their failure to promote scientific achievements in an efficient manner. On the other hand, representatives of the scientific circles claim that media lack sufficient motivation to cover science and frequently demand payment for publication of relevant materials.

The report includes a series of recommendations on ways to improve rapports between the media and the scientific community.

The document was published in Romanian, Russian and English, and was distributed to the journalists and representatives of the country’s academic community.

The publication is also available in electronic format and can be accessed on IJC site: http://www.ijc.md/Publicatii/Edited_report_ROM.pdf (in Romanian), http://www.ijc.md/Publicatii/Edited_report_RUS.pdf (in Russian), http://www.ijc.md/Publicatii/Edited_report_ENG.pdf (in English).

The project “State authorities and news media - towards transparency and accountability”

Funded by

Eurasia Foundation, Moldova Representative Office with financial resources from the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) and the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida/Asdi).

Period of implementation: November 2007 – September 2008

The project aims to enhance the transparency of media funding from public money and to raise the awareness of the public regarding the need to amend the legislation in this regard.

Activities aimed at promoting economic transparency and government responsibility to the public focused on the following:

- collection of data on financial support (direct funding, advertising funded from public money) provided by the authorities;
- monitoring of advertisements placed by public entities and state companies in local and national publications;
- review of legislation and development of amendments necessary to enhance the transparency of this process etc.

Launching conference

The project started with a launching conference, organized on 12 December 2007 in Chisinau. The event was attended by over 30 representatives of the media, non-governmental organizations, Government, Parliament, local public authorities and international organizations. During the conference, the organizers informed the audience about the prerequisites which determined the launching of the new project and about its purpose and goals. The speakers discussed the international regulations on transparency and access to information, Romania's practice of using public funds for state advertising, and the problem of media funding from public money

in Moldova. The participants reviewed the practice of media funding from public money from the viewpoints of the authorities, media and civil society, and especially referred to the dangers of discretionary public funds and state advertising as a tool for exerting government control over the media. Most of the journalists that attended the launching conference expressed their hopes that the project “State authorities and news media - towards transparency and accountability” would offer regulatory tools and would contribute to improving the situation in this area.

Monitoring of advertising

This project component aims at monitoring the publicity paid by public and state entities in national and local newspapers. Eight newspapers were selected for analysis, representing both Romanian-language and Russian-language, state and private, print media. The monitoring began in December and will last until May 2008. Advertisements, advertising articles and hidden advertising are analyzed. Not only the advertising space but also the frequency of placement of various advertising texts by advertising buyers in the analyzed newspapers is measured.

Collection of data on media funding

Based on the preliminary results of the monitoring, a list of public and state entities that frequently place advertising messages in newspapers was prepared. The list was supplemented with entities authorized to fund the media, such as district authorities, state chancery and other relevant organizations. They were sent letters by which IJC requested information about the direct or indirect funding of media outlets. The data are to be collected, analyzed and included in an analytical report to be prepared during 2008. The report will contain data about the sources of funding of the media and conditions of allocation of public funds to the media.

The project “Assessing Media Coverage of Corruption”

The IJC project “Assessing Media Coverage of Corruption” seeks to further the objectives of the Strengthening Civil Society Monitoring Capacity in Moldova (SCSMC) Program that is funded by the United States Government through the Millennium Challenge Corporation and managed by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), within the Moldovan Threshold Country Program (TCP). SCSMC is implemented by the Academy for Educational Development (AED), with technical support from the International Research & Exchanges Board (IREX).

Period of implementation: October 2007 – December 2008

The project aims to boost the role of the media in promoting democratic governance and the transparency and accountability of the government in fighting corruption. It includes daily monitoring of the media and information of the public about media coverage of corruption-related issues and anti-corruption strategies.

This project’s activities include:

- Training of coders
- Media monitoring
- Preparation and dissemination of monitoring reports

Training of coders

A training for coders of print and broadcast media was held in Chisinau on 25 and 26 September 2007. The aim was to familiarize coders with the monitoring methodology, which includes quantitative and qualitative monitoring of texts. The training was held by IJC experts along with the international expert Rasto Kuzel, director of the Agency MEMO 98 from

Slovakia. A total of 17 coders and three experts to be involved in data collection and analysis participated in the training.

Media monitoring

Monitoring period: October 2007 – November 2008

Through this extensive monitoring program, the project organizers set to review how the media cover corruption and to encourage media representatives to observe quality journalism standards.

Selection criteria for the media outlets monitored:

- Type of ownership: public or private
- Coverage area: national or local
- Language: Romanian or Russian
- Impact: circulation or audience size

Monitored media: Timpul de Dimineață, Moldova Suverană, Nezașisimaia Moldova, Jurnal de Chișinău, Novoe vremea, Ziarul de Gardă, Vesti Gagauzii and SP newspapers, Moldova 1, NIT, Euro TV and Pro TV TV stations, Radio Moldova, Antena C and Vocea Basarabiei radio stations.

The monitoring methodology was developed by a team of Independent Journalism Center and Independent Press Association experts assisted by an expert from the Agency MEMO 98 (Slovakia). The methodology is based on the use of both quantitative indicators such as frequency and duration of reports, number of news subjects and sources and their affiliation and qualitative indicators such as impartiality in covering corruption-related events, accuracy and balance and depth of investigative reports.

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For broadcast media, all prime time newscasts and opinion programs in the evening hours (19:00-23:00 –TV and 18:00-24:00 - radio) are analyzed, and for print media, there are analyzed all articles covering aspects of corruption in various departments and government agencies, public and private, mismanagement of public funds as well as articles on anti-corruption measures undertaken by governmental, political and nongovernmental players.

During October – December 2007, eight newspapers and seven broadcast stations were monitored. Data were collected, verified and

analyzed by three experts. Monthly reports and a quarterly report were produced based on such data. They were translated into English and Russian and disseminated by email to over 200 beneficiaries, representatives of local and international media and nongovernmental organizations.

The reports are posted on IJC site, in the section Research/Publications: http://www.ijc.md/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=321&Itemid=115

The monitoring will continue throughout 2008.

Monitoring of Mass Media Coverage of Campaign for General Local Elections in the Republic of Moldova

The project is funded by

Eurasia Foundation, from the funds of the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida/Asdi) and the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), National Endowment for Democracy (NED), USA, and the OSCE Mission to Moldova.

The project was implemented by the Association of Independent Press and Independent Journalism Center in partnership with the Institute of Marketing and Polls IMAS-INC Chisinau, within the Civic Coalition for Free and Fair Elections – Coalition 2007.

Project goal: to monitor and inform the public opinion about the behavior of mass media during the campaign for general local elections in Moldova.

Monitoring period – 10 April – 17 June 2007 – covers the electoral campaign with two rounds.

A training for coders and coordinators of teams of coders to be involved in media monitoring was held in March under the project. Experience with monitoring, level of responsibility, practical skills of team work were the criteria used in the selection of coders. The trainees were explained the monitoring methodology and criteria, they solved practical exercises and analyzed various situations that may appear during the monitoring. Nicolae Negru (IJC), expert with extensive experience in media monitoring was involved as instructor in this training program.

Monitored mass media:

6 TV stations: Moldova 1, PRO TV, NIT, Euro TV - Chişinău, TV 7, N 4

4 radio stations: Radio Moldova, Antena C, Vocea Basarabiei, Russkoe Radio

16 newspapers: Moldova Suverană, Nezaavisimaia Moldova, Săptămîna, Flux, Moldavskie vedomosti, Jurnal de Chişinău, Timpul de dimineaţă, Komsomolskaia pravda; Unghiul, Căuşenii, SP (Bălţi), Golos Bălţi, Vesti Gagauzii, Realitatea (Sorooca), Observatorul de nord (Sorooca), Farul nistrean (Rezina).

Criteria for the selection of media outlets subject to the monitoring: type of ownership (public and private), audience/ impact, broadcasting language.

The monitoring methodology has been developed by Oxford Media Research for the monitoring projects of the international organization Global Campaign for Free Expression "Article 19". The methodology's characteristics are as follows: 1) use of a broad spectrum of quantity indicators, including type, duration, topic of coverage, news sources, frequency and duration of appearance of certain persons in the newscasts. 2) the quality component is more developed than in other methodologies, which allows to establish the biasness of the monitored outlet during the coverage of events. Each news article or opinion is subject to a content and context assessment, to determine if it favors or disfavors one or another party / one or another

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political entity. A negative or positive content and/or context of the news does not necessarily indicate the biasness or partisanship of the station broadcasting the news. It is possible that a news article favors or disfavors one of the subjects and, nonetheless, be equidistant and professionally correct. Only if there is a tendency to favor or disfavor one of the subjects for a certain period of time can we say that we are dealing with an imbalance.

The results of the monitoring were made public during a press conference. Reports for the following periods were presented:

- Report No.1 – for 10–24 April 2007;
- Report No.2 – for 25 April–6 May 2007;
- Report No.3 – for 7–16 May 2007;
- Report No. 4 – for 17–27 May 2007;
- Report No. 5 – for 4–11 June 2007.

A general report was developed covering the entire electoral campaign with two rounds (10 April – 17 June).

The reports (prepared in Romanian, Russian and English) were posted on the web page designed for general elections www.alegeri.md/2007, created within Coalition 2007 by the Association for Participatory Democracy (ADEPT), as well as on sites of IJC (www.ijc.md) and API (www.api.md).

Under the same project, IJC republished the legal guide “Mass media and electoral campaign” (authors: Vladislav Gribincea and Olivia Pîrțac) adapting it to the 2007 campaign for general local elections.

Print Media Monitoring Project “Agricultural topics in mass media in Moldova”, conducted by the IJC as part of the Program “Alliance in support of the agricultural market II”

This activity component includes a quantitative and qualitative monthly analysis of journalists' products (articles, interviews, editorials, news items) published in newspapers, magazines, and distributed by news agencies in Moldova.

Journalists' materials selected for monitoring referred to the following topics:

- agricultural marketing
- sale of agricultural products
- export of agricultural products
- laws regulating activities in agriculture, including agricultural sales
- drawbacks in the legal framework, which affects the agricultural sector
- initiatives in the field
- opportunities for agricultural business
- activities carried out by the Alliance in Support of Agricultural Market
- activities carried out by the Coalition for Rural Economic Development
- discussion of and reaction to activities carried out by the respective structures

Based on collected data, IJC researchers designed and produced two types of reports:

monthly monitoring reports (including copies of articles and news published throughout the month, as well as information on the number of monitored publications, broadcast programs, including those referring to the National Federation AGRO Inform and the ASPA Program), as well as quarterly analytical reports. The latter highlighted the level of interest of mass media in the monitored issues (judging by the number of articles existing on the respective topics and the number of newspapers interested in these topics), the most frequently dealt with issues in print media, the way the problems were treated, whether the approach to them was a complex one, a comparative analysis of the reported period with the previous one (in order to establish whether the interest of the print media in the topics of marketing and legislation in agriculture increased or declined).

Throughout the year 2007, 12 newspapers and magazines, as well as five news agencies were monitored every month. Twelve monthly reports and four quarterly reports were produced.

“Mass Media in Moldova” Guide, third edition

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the U.S. Embassy in Chisinau (through its Democracy Commission Small Grants Program) and the OSCE Mission to Moldova.

The Guide may be accessed on IJC site: http://www.ijc.md/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=46&Itemid=72.

In November 2007, IJC launched the online version of the “Mass Media Guide”. The publication contains basic information about 420 media outlets throughout Moldova, including the region of Transnistria.

The IJC has produced two editions of the “Mass Media Guide” since 1999. The print version of the third edition will be published in 2008.

Information was gathered in February-September 2007 by a team of IJC operators. The information in the “Mass Media Guide” will be updated on a regular basis.

The project “Labor Relations and Media. Analyzing the patterns of labor relations in the media of SEENPM-member countries”

Funded by

*the International Media Support (IMS)
from Denmark.*

This ten-month regional research project was launched in March 2007 and was administered by IJC. The project aimed to analyze legislation regulating labor relations in the media in various media outlets in South Eastern Europe and to share the best practices in the region. Under this project, which was carried out in the framework of the activities of the South East European Network for Professionalization of the Media (SEENPM), researchers from 11 countries (Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Hungary, Macedonia, Moldova, Montenegro, Romania, Serbia and Slovenia) studied national and in-

ternational legal acts, conducted surveys and interviewed journalists, media managers and owners, trade union leaders, MPs, representatives of media regulatory bodies etc.

The project reveals the character of labor relations in the media outlets in this region, the most frequent problems encountered by media representatives in their work etc. The study developed under this project also contains recommendations for improvement of the situation in this area.

The study containing the results of this regional project can be accessed on IJC site: http://www.ijc.md/eng/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=157&Itemid=49.

Analytical magazine “Mass Media in Moldova”

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the U.S. Embassy (Small grants program for the support of democratic initiatives), the OSCE Mission to Moldova, UK Global Conflict Prevention Pool as well as Eurasia Foundation, Moldovan Representative Office, with financial resources from the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) and the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida/Asdi).

The main topic of June 2007 edition of the analytical magazine “Mass Media in Moldova” was the new Moldovan Broadcast Code and the situation of the local broadcast. The magazine publishes analyses and commentaries signed by Petru Bogatu, Corina Fusu, Constantin Pârțac, Raisa Lozinschi, Dumitrița Butnaru, Igor Guzun, Dumitru Mânzărari, Rodica Socolov, Aneta Gonța and Malin Wikstrom Fagerberg. This issue of the magazine contains a few articles in which the authors tackle a number of current problems in the print media, among which: western media standard and alignment of local media to this standard, party press and political advertising in Moldova, websites of local media outlets, problems encountered by the media in the Transnistrian region, foreign donor support to the country’s media etc. The magazine also includes an interview with the director of the TV station PRO TV - Chișinău, Cătălin Giosan. One can find in the attachment to the magazine the IJC annual report on freedom of expression and information in Moldova.

The December 2007 issue of the magazine includes a number of articles by Moldovan journalists about media development, censorship and self-censorship in local media, advertising in Transnistrian media, state support of the press, public relations in public administration and online communications etc. The “Letter of the Law” section contains an analysis by Eugeniu Rîbca and Olivia Pîrțac of the need to amend the legislation regulating the activity of the media in Moldova, and the “Experiences” section contains an interview with Anatol Golea, director of the Chisinau-based TV station “TV7”. Other highlights include an article about the local press as a business, a book review as well as the results of a study that monitored and analyzed the newscasts of local TV stations. One can find in the attachment to the magazine a commentary on the Broadcast Law of the Gagauz-Yeri autonomous region, signed by Eugeniu Rîbca.

The analytical magazine “Mass Media in Moldova” is published in Romanian, Russian and English, and is disseminated both in Moldova and abroad. The total print-run of each 2007 issue was 600 copies.

The electronic version of the magazine can be accessed on IJC site at: http://www.ijc.md/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=44&Itemid=70 (in Romanian and Russian) and http://www.ijc.md/eng/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=114&Itemid=37 (in English).

Electronic publication “Moldova Media News”

This monthly publication in the English language contains information on main events in Moldovan media. In 2007, it was distributed by e-mail to more than five hundred subscribers and published on the IJC web page at: http://www.ijc.md/eng/index.php?option=com_content&task=section&id=4&Itemid=34.

Information portal “Moldova Azi”

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The information portal “Moldova Azi” (www.azi.md) was launched on 28 May 2001 as an extension of the portal “Moldova-News”. During six years of activity, this online publication became a source of objective and balanced information for Moldovan and foreign Internet users. Statistics place “Moldova Azi” among the most accessed sites of such type in Moldova, with a monthly average of several thousands visitors.

www.azi.md is the only source of information providing a clear image of Moldovan realities in three languages (Romanian, English and Russian) and publishing news of the local news agencies “Deca-press”, “InfoMarket.md”, “Info-

prim Neo”, “Infotag”, “Monitor Media” and “Reporter.md”. The news is selected and presented in three categories: political, economic and social.

The newsroom continued its cooperation established a number of years ago with the commentators Oazu Nantoi, Vitalie Ciobanu, Ina Jeltov, Petru Bogatu, Igor Volnițchi, Vlad Bercu, Dumitru Mînzărari and others. In their commentaries they tackled events that took place in Moldova during 2007.

Broader topics were presented in the permanent column Investigations, Surveys, Reporting. Special attention was given to articles related to European integration. The journalistic investigations of the graduates of the School of Advanced Journalism, Irina Lipcanu and Daniela Galai, were also premiered in this column.

IJC MEDIA LAW UNIT

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The Media Law Unit scope of activity is:

- Analysis of the legislation on media and participation in the drafting of proposals to fine-tune the existing legislation;
- Free-of-charge consultations on all issues related to media legislation, and in cases of public interest, also in-court representation;
- Monitoring of developments in the field of the legislation on freedom of expression and information by publishing the results in bi-monthly law bulletins;
- Monitoring of the cases of abuse of freedom of expression and information;
- Organization of conferences, seminars and courses on media law issues;
- Publication of analytical and informative articles on issues related to media law;
- Co-working with nongovernmental and state organizations, with the aim to implement the Law on Access to Information and the European standards on freedom of expression.

The analysis and monitoring of the legislation

Media Law Bulletin

In 2004, the IJC launched an electronic bulletin, which provides a summary of laws and amendments to existing laws, information about the recent ECHR case-law, etc., in order to keep journalists, media organizations, lawyers and other interested parties informed about the news from the field. This bulletin is disseminated by e-mail to over 150 subscribers in two languages: Romanian and Russian. The archive, including the six editions for 2007, can be accessed on the IJC webpage, at:

http://www.ijc.md/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=19&Itemid=62.

Report “Freedom of Expression and Access to Information in Moldova in 2007”

This report provides a detailed analysis of significant events, which characterize the situation of Moldovan media in 2007 and, from the point of view of the Independent Journalism Center, can serve as key indices for the assessment of the quality of the freedom of expression and of the freedom of information in Moldova.

The report contains the following sections: legal developments; developments in the field of broadcasting; aspects of print media and investigative journalism; media behavior during electoral campaign; access to information; and conclusions. The report was written in Romanian and English and was disseminated by e-mail. It can be accessed on the IJC webpage at: http://www.ijc.md/eng/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=204&Itemid=52.

Legal Consultations and In-court Representation

The MLU provides legal consulting to journalists and media organizations. The free consulting which has been provided in all matters related to media law and the information of journalists about their rights and obligations has contributed to identifying and solving legal problems of journalists and media organizations. Consulting is provided by telephone, email or in person. Also, updated versions of legal acts are offered. The MLU received over 15 questions (requests) per month. The tackled matters included, for the most part, protection of honor and dignity, access to information,

publicity, copyrights, right to privacy, legal status of publications etc. The MLU also prepares complaints for filing with district courts and with appellate courts against district court judgments, references and claims. It also provides assistance to interested foreign individuals and experts during the investigation and development of studies on media law and status of freedom of expression in Moldova.

In 2007, the MLU coordinator successfully represented the daily *Ziarul de Gardă* in court in a defamation case.

Training

University Course “Media Law”

The year 2007 was the fourth year when law students at Moldova State University had the possibility to study media law. The course is optional and taught in Romanian and Russian, both for full-time students and those studying by correspondence.

The syllabus includes ten topics:

1. General concepts of media law.
2. Right to freedom of expression.
3. The issue of defamation in the Republic of Moldova.
4. Access to information.
5. Public service broadcasting.
6. Creation and liquidation of media outlets (periodicals, news agencies, broadcast companies).
7. Mass media and electoral campaign.
8. Legal regulation of advertising.
9. Informational security of society and of individuals.
10. Internet and its legal regulation.

The course was taught to fifth-year students. In the first semester of the academic year 2007-2008 (September – December 2007) 182 full-time students from the Law Department chose the course “Media Law”: 140 of them studied the course in Romanian and 42 in Russian.

CHISINAU PRESS CLUB

Monthly meetings

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The Chisinau Press Club was launched by IJC and by the Press Freedom Committee in 1995. During such informal meetings, the journalists have the occasion to discuss current social issues with personalities from various areas.

In 2007, nine meetings of the Press Club were organized.

The first meeting took place on 7 February. It focused on the situation of Antena C and Euro TV Chişinău stations after their privatization, and the lawsuit involving the journalists from the two broadcasters, on one side, and Chisinau City Council, the former interim mayor of Chisinau, Vasile Ursu, and the Broadcasting Coordinating Council, on the other side. The Club meeting was attended by Maria Orlov, Doctor in Law, the lawyer of Antena C and Euro TV Chişinău journalists, and by a number of employees from the two broadcasters.

The Press Club meeting of 1 March focused on the relations between businesspeople and public authorities in Moldova, and especially about the phenomenon of “unofficial taxation”. The following participated in the discussions: Igor Munteanu, Veaceslav Ioniţă and Tatiana Lariuşin, experts at the Institute for Development and Social Initiatives “IDIS Viitorul” and authors of the study “Unofficial taxation system in Moldova”, as well as Ion Sturzu, deputy director of the Main State Tax Office, Andrei Costandachi, deputy director of the Tax Policy Division at the Ministry of Finance, Ion Leşan, executive director of the Republican Businesspeople Club “Timpul”, Mefodie Vârlan, head of

the Legal Division of the National Trade Union Confederation, and Eugen Roşcovan, president of the Small Business Association of Moldova.

The highlights of the Press Club meeting of 5 April 2007 were the approaching general local elections. The journalists met with the representatives of a number of political entities from Moldova which announced their intentions to participate in the campaign for general local elections, possible candidates for the office of general mayor of Chisinau or their representatives. The following accepted the invitation of Press Club organizers and participated in the meeting: Dumitru Braghiş (president of Social Democracy Party), Cornel Ciurea (deputy president of the Social-Liberal Party), Vladimir Filat (member of the Executive Political Council of the Democratic Party), Mihai Ghimpu (president of the Liberal Party), Octavian Grama (deputy president of the National Liberal Party), Ion Mereuţă (president of the Humanistic Party), Eduard Muşuc (president of the Social-Democratic Party), Victor Osipov (press officer of Our Moldova Alliance Party) and Zinaida Zorin (president of territorial organization Chişinău of the Conservative Party).

Journalist training issues were discussed during the Press Club meeting of 3 May, organized within the 2007 edition of Press Freedom Days. The participants in the debates included Constantin Marin, Ala Mândăcanu, Gheorghe Bârsan, deans of journalism departments from Moldova State University, Free International University of Moldova and, respectively, University for European Studies of Moldova, Vera Tudose, head of Journalism Department from Slavic University of Moldova, Vitalie Dogaru, academic coordinator at the School of Advanced Journalism, as well as university professors, students and media representatives.

Monthly meetings

The participants in the Press Club meeting of 7 June focused on the first round of the general local elections in Moldova. Among them were Ion Crețu, president of Chisinau Constituency Electoral Council; Paul Strutzescu, president of the Moldovan League for the Protection of Human Rights, member organization of the Coalition for Free and Fair Elections “Coalition 2007”; Mihai Godea, director of Contact Center and secretary of “Coalition 2007”, as well as candidates for the office of Chisinau mayor who had accumulated the highest number of votes during the first round: Dorin Chirtoacă, candidate from the Liberal Party; Leonid Bujor, candidate from Our Moldova Alliance, and Vladimir Filat, candidate from the Democratic Party.

The Press Club meeting of 5 July focused on the process of settlement of the Transnistrian conflict in the context of a number of recent political events, such as the meeting between the Moldovan and Russian presidents, Vladimir Voronin and Vladimir Putin, preparation and dissemination of an open letter calling for a European settlement of the Transnistrian conflict by representatives of the Moldovan civil society etc. The meeting was attended by two of the open letter signatories - Anatol Țăranu, member of Moldovan parliament, and Iulian Frunțașu, director of the European Initiatives Program at Soros-Foundation Moldova.

Alleged irregularities in the issuance of Romanian visas to Moldovan citizens came under scrutiny at the meeting of 13 September of the Chisinau Press Club, which were examined in the context of media investigations and recent events and declarations. Invitees included Vitalie Călugăreanu, one of the authors of journalistic investigations on the issue, produced

by a team of Moldovan and Romanian reporters and published in Romanian media, Ala Meleca, spokesperson for Moldovan Interior Ministry, along with Nicolae Platon, chairman of Moldovan Association of Tourism Agencies. Nicholas Nugent, representative of BBC London, specialized in conflict reporting and diversity topics was the keynote speaker of the Press Club meeting of 4 October. The participants were journalists from different Moldovan regions, including the breakaway Transnistria, who discussed current trends in the British journalism, in general, and the specifics of conflict reporting, in particular. They viewed several fragments of the programs produced by BBC journalists, among which a fragment from the documentary “Palin in Moldova”, in which Michael Palin made a comparative presentation of the realities on both sides of Nistru River. The film subject was largely debated upon by the invitees to the Press Club meeting. This meeting was organized in partnership with BBC World Service Trust.

The participants in the Press Club meeting of 1 November 2007 talked about the denationalization and transformation of Comrat-based state-owned Teleradio Gagauzia into a genuine public broadcaster. This process is due to the adoption of the Broadcast Law by the People’s Assembly of the Gagauz-Yeri autonomous region in July 2007. The participants in this meeting included Ana Harlamenco, editor-in-chief of the municipal newspaper “Stolița Comrat” and ex-member of the Observers’ Council of Teleradio Gagauzia, Mihail Cervenii, member of the Observers’ Council of Teleradio Gagauzia, Nicolai Stoianov, deputy governor of Gagauz-Yeri autonomous region, Vlad Țurcanu, member of the Broadcasting Coordinating Council, Alexandru Dorogan, president of the Broadcast Media Association.

Annual Press Club. “Ten Journalists of the Year” Award Ceremony, December 2006

Funded by

the UNESCO Moscow Office and the OSCE Mission to Moldova.

The annual press gala for the award of “The journalist of the year 2007” title (13th edition) was held on 12 December 2007 at Mihai Eminescu theater in downtown Chisinau.

A three-tier selection procedure had been applied to select finalists of the year 2007. At the first stage, Moldovan media institutions nominated three candidates for these prizes – a journalist from their own newsroom and two journalists from other newsrooms. Also, an independent panel was made up of eight experts – representatives of the civil society, unions of creation, academic circles, international organizations (which have programs for the media) as well as representatives of press services which monitored Moldovan media and proposed the candidates for the awards. The final decision (third stage) was taken by the IJC council of experts based on the results of the first two selection rounds. Winners had been selected for high professionalism, respect for journalism ethics, balance in reporting, impact on the public opinion, devotion to profession, as well as the degree of risk assumed in carrying out their professional obligations.

The journalists of the year 2007 are:

Print media:

Pavel Păduraru (newspaper “Timpul de dimineață”),
Anatol Câșlaru (newspaper “ECO”),
Oxana Nesterova (newspaper “Ekonomicheskoie obozrenie Logos press”),
Ana Harlamenco (newspaper “Stolitsa”, Comrat).

Television:

Oxana Iuteș (“Pro TV Chișinău”),
Marina Pânzaru (“TV7”, Chișinău)

Radio:

Liliana Barbăroșie (Radio “Europa Liberă”),
Vitalie Enache (Radio “Vocea Basarabiei”)

News agencies:

Eugen Urușciuc (“Deca Press” and “Monitor Media”, Bălți)

Local reporting:

Victor Cobăsneanu (newspaper “Observatorul de Nord”, Soroca)

At the Gala, the following **special prizes** were also awarded:

Excellence award (for journalistic longevity):
writer and journalist *Aureliu Busuioc*

The young hopeful of the year:

Irina Lipcanu (“ECO”, “Business Class”)
Anastasia Nani (“Ziarul de Gardă”)

The best journalistic debut -

newspaper “Expresul de Ungheni”,
TV “Moldova Internațional”

The best performance throughout the year:
“Timpul de dimineață”,
“Capital-Market”

The best manager of the year:

Rodica Ciorănică (“VIP Magazin”)

The “Phoenix” prize:

Alexandr Barbov (“TV7”)

The annual press gala for the award of “The journalist of the year” title is held within the Chisinau Press Club, which was launched by the Independent Journalism Center (IJC) and Press Freedom Committee in 1995.

RESOURCE CENTER

Library and Computer Laboratory

The IJC Resource Center carries subscriptions to main newspapers of the Republic of Moldova (over 50 titles), in Romanian and in Russian, including the publications – members of the Association of Independent Press.

During 2007, the electronic guide “Mass Media in Moldova” was updated (IJC website, section “Research/Publications”):
http://www.ijc.md/index.php?option=com_co

ntent&task=view&id=46&Itemid=72).

The Resource Center Coordinator permanently updated the IJC webpage and distributed the IJC publications to all subscribers, either electronically or by regular mail. The coordinator also offered consultations to visitors of the IJC library on the available resources (books, textbooks, magazines), and on Internet use.

PRIORITIES FOR THE YEAR 2008

In 2008, the IJC will continue

to organize

- Short-term training activities for journalists and coders involved in media monitoring,
- Conferences and debates
- Activities of the Chisinau School of Advanced Journalism
- “Press Freedom Days”
- Monthly meetings of the Chisinau Press Club
- “Journalists of the Year” Gala
- Internships in local newsrooms

to publish

- “Mass Media in Moldova” Analytical Magazine (in Romanian, Russian and English)
- Media Legislation Bulletin (in Romanian and Russian)
- Annual Report on Freedom of Expression in the Republic of Moldova (in Romanian and English)
- Information portal “Moldova Azi” (www.azi.md)
- Electronic publication “Moldova Media News”
- Mass Media Guide, 3rd edition

to monitor

- Media in the Republic of Moldova (within the projects “Assessing media coverage of corruption”, “Assessing media coverage of human trafficking prevention”, “Monitoring ads paid by the public institutions and state companies in national and local media”).
- Legislation and developments in the field of legislation on freedom of expression and freedom of information and participate in the drafting of proposals on the fine-tuning of existing legislation
- Cases of violation of the freedom of expression and freedom of information

to offer

- Free access to the Resource Center (IJC library and the Internet lab)
- Free legal aid (including in-court representation) on issues related to media legislation, freedom of expression and journalists’ rights

to produce

- Radio/TV programs “Destinies and destinations” and syndicated articles on prevention of human trafficking

INTERNATIONAL AFFILIATIONS

SEENPM

The Independent Journalism Center is the only organization from Moldova – member of the South-East European Network for Professionalization of the Media (SEENPM), an organization which currently unites 15 media-development centers from 11 countries. Founded in February 2000, the network offers training courses for journalists and media trainers and runs various journalism exchange programs. In 2002-2004, the IJC was a member of the SEENPM Coordinating Committee.

IFEX

In June 2001, the IJC became a member of the International Freedom of Exchange (IFEX), an international network that unites more than 80 organizations, pursuing the goal of monitoring freedom of expression. The best known product of this network is the electronic bulletin “Action Alert” which is compiled from accounts on abuses of the right to free expression in the regions represented by the member organizations. The bulletin is distributed to a large number of institutions and stakeholders all over the world. The IJC was a member of the IFEX Council in 2002-2005.

IJC FOUNDERS:

Soros Foundation - Moldova
International Center for Journalists (ICFJ, USA)

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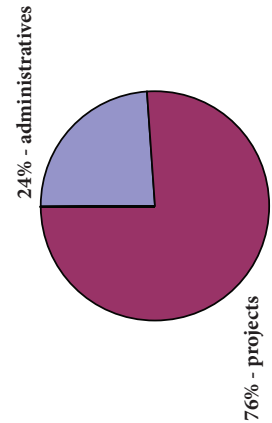
YEAR 2007

Projects	Balance of 2006	Received	Spent	Administrative costs	Balance	Funded by
	\$	\$	\$		\$	
Development of an Informational Web Portal Moldova News		491	491			Soros Foundation - Moldova
Development of an Informational Web Portal Moldova News		11426	11426			Norway Embassy in Bucharest
A Comprehensive Assessment of Media Needs in Moldova		5911	5911	955		Soros Foundation - Moldova
Media Law Unit		16509			16509	Open Society Institute, Budapest
New Perspectives for Women, Anti-Trafficking Initiative in Moldova	-461	57608	56041	12360	1106	Winrock International
Building Conflict Resolution Capacity of Journalists from All Moldovan Regions	2045		2045			British Embassy
Bridging the Nistru - Media synergies in support of conflict resolution in Moldova		12275	12275	15238		British Embassy
Chisinau School of Advanced Journalism	8760		8760			British Embassy
Coordination of SEENPM Activities (South East European Network for Professionalization of Media)		5528	5528	1230		SEENPM (South East European Network for Professionalization of Media)
Labor relation in media in South East Europe / research report		42420	42420	6765		SEENPM (South East European Network for Professionalization of Media)
Press Review / Alliance for Support of Agricultural Market		958	958			AgroInform
Chisinau School of Advanced Journalism		3697	3697			Press Now
Chisinau School of Advanced Journalism		137816	160741	44248	-22925	Press Now/MATRA
Chisinau School of Advanced Journalism		3000	3000			U.S. Embassy in Moldova
Providing professional journalists, students and professors of journalism / Mass Media in Moldova analytical magazine		5000	3960	500	1040	U.S. Embassy in Moldova
Chisinau School of Advanced Journalism	2440	6971	9411			OSCE Mission to Moldova
Comprehensive Assessment of media needs in Moldova		3705	3705	531		OSCE Mission to Moldova
Information resources in support of diverse and balanced media in Moldova / Mass Media in Moldova analytical magazine		2516	2516	350		OSCE Mission to Moldova
Media Elections Monitoring - 2007 Local Elections in Moldova		3614	4014	215	-400	OSCE Mission to Moldova
Chisinau Press Club and Awards Ceremony (December 2007)		5110	5110			OSCE Mission to Moldova
Assistance Program for Media in the Gagauz Yeri Autonomous Region		12115	11682	605	433	OSCE Mission to Moldova

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Assistance Program for Media in the Gagauz Yeri Autonomous Region		21447	17386	1920	4061	Swedish Helsinki Committee for Human Rights
Promoting Media Diversity in Moldova through Curriculum Development / Conflict Prevention Programme		15317	17197	1415	-1880	OSCE High Commissioner on National Minorities / Hague
Chisinau School of Advanced Journalism		18050	18050	650		National Endowment for Democracy (NED)
Media Sustainability Index		2150			2150	IREX (International Research and Exchanges Board)
Seminar on European Standards Concerning Freedom of Expression	-3027	3027				Council of Europe
Towards a free and professional media in Moldova: disseminating best journalistic practices		7470	6325	1218	1145	UNESCO -The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization
Monitoring Public Financing of Media		15000	8057	3450	6943	Eurasia Foundation / Moldova Representative Office
Media Elections Monitoring - 2007 Local Elections in Moldova		2886	2886	1127		Eurasia Foundation / Moldova Representative Office
Media Elections Monitoring - 2007 Local Elections in Moldova		10820	10820	3570		National Endowment for Democracy (NED)
Assessing Media Coverage of Corruption		23558	20025	7250	3533	Academy for Educational Development (AED)
Training for students from Transnistria		400	400			Center CONTACT
Technical Support	5000		5000	5000		Sitotsky Jayme
Services on azi.md		484	484			Services on web site: azi.md
School fees		390			390	School fees
TOTAL	14757	457669	460321	108579	12105	

Projects	\$	351742
Administratives	\$	108579
\$ renting, servicing, telephone, rates etc.	\$	31730
\$ Salaries	\$	76849
Total	\$	460321



Executive director Angela SÎRBU
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**Statement of Assets, Liabilities and Fund Balance of IJC
as of December 31 2007 and 2006**

	2007 (MDL)	(USD)	2006 (MDL)	(USD)
ASSETS				
Current assets				
Cash and cash equivalents	507354	44899	588265	45584
Prepayments	92087	8149	60159	4662
	599441	53048	648424	50246
Non-current assets				
Non fixed assets	370898	32823	26958	2089
Fixed assets at Net Book Value	1442909	127691	1273901	98714
	1813807	160514	1300859	100803
Total assets	2413248	213562	1949283	151049
FUND BALANCE AND LIABILITIES				
Current liabilities				
Liabilities	8125	719	9152	710
	8125	719	9152	710
Fund balance	2405123	212843	1940131	150339
Total Fund balance	2143248	213562	1949283	151049

APPENDIX

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January – December 2007

January

- ❑ **Distribution of the December 2006 issue of the analytical magazine “Mass Media in Moldova”** (electronic version available at: http://www.ijc.md/eng/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=114&Itemid=37). *Funded by the British Government’s Global Conflict Prevention Pool and Media-Im-Pakt - Media Support for South Eastern Europe/IFA (Germany).*
- ❑ **25 - Media Law Bulletin** (for November - December 2006, in Romanian and Russian). Electronic version available at: http://www.ijc.md/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=19&Itemid=62.

February

- ❑ **7 - Monthly Chisinau Press Club meeting.**
- ❑ **Launching of the “Report on Freedom of Expression and Information in Moldova for 2006 year”.** Funded by the OSI Network Media Program. Electronic version available at: http://www.ijc.md/eng/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=204&Itemid=52.

March

- ❑ **1 - Monthly Chisinau Press Club meeting.**
- ❑ **23/24 - Training for data collecting operators.** In the framework of the project “Media monitoring in the campaign for local elections”. Funded by the Eurasia Foundation, from the funds of the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida/Asdi) and the United States Agency for International Development (USAID).
- ❑ **Media Law Bulletin** (for January-February 2007, in Romanian and Russian). Electronic version available at: http://www.ijc.md/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=19&Itemid=62.

April

- ❑ **5 - Monthly Chisinau Press Club meeting.**
- ❑ **The project “Media monitoring in the campaign for local elections”** (April - June 2007). *Funded by the Eurasia Foundation, from the funds of the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida/Asdi) and the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), National Endowment for Democracy (NED) from the USA, and the OSCE Mission to Moldova.*

May

- ❑ **3 - Monthly Chisinau Press Club meeting.**
- ❑ **Press Freedom Days** (end of April – end of May, 2007).
- ❑ **Media Law Bulletin** (for March – April, in Romanian and Russian). Electronic version available at: http://www.ijc.md/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=19&Itemid=62.

June

- ❑ **7 - Monthly Chisinau Press Club meeting.**
- ❑ **15 - Deadline for applying for the Chisinau School of Advanced Journalism.** In partnership with the Missouri School of Journalism and CFPJ journalists’ training center from Paris. *Funded by the National Endowment for Democracy (NED) from the USA and the MATRA program of the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs, through Press Now (www.scoaladejournalism.md).*
- ❑ **Publication of the June issue of the analytical magazine „Mass Media in Moldova”.** Electronic version available at: http://www.ijc.md/eng/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=114&Itemid=37. *Funded by the U.S. Embassy (Small grants program for the support of democratic initiatives) and the OSCE Mission to Moldova.*

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July

- ❑ **5 - Monthly Chisinau Press Club meeting.**
- ❑ **7 - Chisinau School of Advanced Journalism's graduation ceremony** (first promotion). In partnership with Missouri School of Journalism and CFPJ journalists' training center from Paris. *Funded by the MATRA Program of the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs through Press Now, and the National Endowment for Democracy (NED) from the USA* (www.scoaladejournalism.md).
- ❑ **25/28 – Training on teaching „Diversity reporting”** (the first stage). *Funded by the OSCE High Commissioner on National Minorities.*
- ❑ **Media Law Bulletin** (May – June 2007, in Romanian and Russian). Electronic version available at http://www.ijc.md/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=19&Itemid=62.

September

- ❑ **10 - Start of classes at the Chişinău School of Advanced Journalism.** In partnership with the Missouri School of Journalism and CFPJ journalists' training center from Paris. *Funded by the MATRA program of the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs through Press Now, and the National Endowment for Democracy (NED) from the USA.*
- ❑ **13 - Monthly Chisinau Press Club meeting.** *Funded by the UK Global Conflict Prevention Pool (GCPP).*
- ❑ **26 - Launching conference of the project “Prospects for creating professional and sustainable media in Gagauz-Yeri autonomous region”** (in Comrat). *In partnership with the Association of Independent Press, “Acces-Info” Center, Regional Center “Contact” – Comrat. Funded by the OSCE Mission to Moldova and the Swedish Helsinki*

Committee for Human Rights.

- ❑ **Media Law Bulletin** (July -August 2007, in Romanian and Russian). Electronic version available at http://www.ijc.md/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=19&Itemid=62.

October

- ❑ **4 - Monthly Chisinau Press Club meeting.** *Funded by the UK Global Conflict Prevention Pool.*
- ❑ **5 - Launching conference of the project “Bridging the Nistru: Media Synergies in Support of Conflict Resolution in Moldova** (project implemented in partnership with the BBC World Service Trust). *Funded by the UK Global Conflict Prevention Pool.*
- ❑ **12/28 - Training programs for media managers, print and broadcast journalists, journalism trainers** (in the framework of the project “Prospects for creating professional and sustainable media in Gagauz-Yeri autonomous region”). *Funded by the OSCE Mission to Moldova and the Swedish Helsinki Committee for Human Rights.*
- ❑ **29/31 - Training on teaching “Diversity reporting”** (the second stage). *Funded by the OSCE High Commissioner on National Minorities.*

November

- ❑ **1 - Monthly Chisinau Press Club meeting.** *Funded by the UK Global Conflict Prevention Pool.*
- ❑ **22 – Round table “XXI century technologies and science novelties. Prospects for science journalism in Moldova.”** *Funded by the UNESCO Moscow Office.*
- ❑ **26/30 – Consulting program for media representatives from Gagauz-Yeri autonomous region** (in the framework of the project “Prospects for creating profes-

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sional and sustainable media in Gagauz-Yeri autonomous region”). *Funded by the OSCE Mission to Moldova and the Swedish Helsinki Committee for Human Rights.*

- ❑ **Launching of the third issue of the Media Guide (electronic version).** *Funded by the U.S. Embassy (Small grants program for the support of democratic initiatives) and the OSCE Mission to Moldova.*
- ❑ **Media Law Bulletin** (for September-October 2007). Electronic version available at http://www.ijc.md/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=19&Itemid=62 (in Romanian and Russian). *Funded by the Swedish Helsinki Committee for Human Rights.*

December

- ❑ **1/5 – Consulting program for media representatives from Gagauz-Yeri autonomous region** (in the framework of the project “Prospects for creating professional and sustainable media in Gagauz-Yeri autonomous region”). *Funded by the OSCE Mission to Moldova and the Swedish Helsinki Committee for Human Rights.*
- ❑ **12 - Launching conference of the project “State authorities and news media - towards transparency and accountability”.** *The project is funded by Eurasia Foundation, Moldova Representative Office with financial resources from the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) and the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida/Asdi).*
- ❑ **12 - Annual Press Club (“Ten Journalists of the Year” Award Ceremony).** *Funded by the UNESCO Moscow Office and the OSCE Mission to Moldova.*
- ❑ **Publication of the December issue of the analytical magazine „Mass Media**

in Moldova”. Electronic version available at: http://www.ijc.md/eng/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=114&Itemid=37. *Funded by the UK Global Conflict Prevention Pool (GCPP), as well as by the Eurasia Foundation, Moldova Representative Office with financial resources from the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) and the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida/Asdi).*

PERMANENT ACTIVITIES:

- ❑ **Media needs assessment** (January - December). *Funded by the OSCE Mission to Moldova and Soros Foundation - Moldova.*
- ❑ **Chisinau School of Advanced Journalism.** *In partnership with the Missouri School of Journalism and CFPJ journalists’ training center from Paris. Funded by the MATRA program of the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs through Press Now, and the National Endowment for Democracy (NED) from the U.S. (www.scoaladejournalism.md).*
- ❑ **The project “State authorities and news media - towards transparency and accountability”** (November 2007 - September 2008). *Funded by the Eurasia Foundation, Moldova Representative Office with financial resources from the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) and the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida/Asdi).*
- ❑ **Production and broadcasting of syndicated TV and radio programs on human trafficking prevention.** TV program is produced once per month, radio program - twice a month. In the framework of the project “New perspectives for women”. *Funded by the USAID through Winrock International.*
- ❑ **Publication of syndicated articles on human trafficking prevention.** Published

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monthly in the “Farmer” supplement of the Association of Independent Press. *In the framework of the project “New perspectives for women”. Funded by the USAID through Winrock International.*

❑ **Media Monitoring:**

- In the framework of **the project “Assessing media coverage of corruption”** (print and broadcast media; October 2007 - December 2008; monthly and quarterly reports). *Funded by the USAID through the Millennium Challenge Corporation in the framework of the Strengthening Civil Society Monitoring Capacity in Moldova (SCSMC) Program that is implemented by the Academy for Educational Development (AED).* Monitoring reports’ archive is available at: http://www.ijc.md/eng/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=155&Itemid=47.
- In the framework of **the project “New perspectives for women” – “Assessing media coverage of human trafficking prevention”** (print media; quarterly media monitoring bulletins; monitoring bulletins’ archive is available at http://www.ijc.md/eng/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=120&Itemid=39). *Funded by the USAID through Winrock International.*

- **Monitoring ads paid by the public institutions and state companies in national and local media** (December 2007 - May 2008). *In the framework of the project “State authorities and news media - towards transparency and accountability”. Funded by the Eurasia Foundation, Moldova Representative Office with financial resources from the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) and the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida/Asdi).*

- ❑ **Free legal assistance for journalists** (including in-court representation) on issues related to freedom of expression and journalists’ professional rights.
- ❑ **“Moldova Azi” Information Portal** (www.azi.md). *Funded by the Royal Norwegian Embassy in Bucharest.*
- ❑ **Electronic publication “Moldova Media News”** (monthly publication, in English, distributed by email and published on the IJC web page at: http://www.ijc.md/eng/index.php?option=com_content&task=section&id=4&Itemid=34).
- ❑ **Resource library for journalists and Internet access.** Monday through Friday. 10.00-18.00. Lunch break: 12.00-14.00.