

THE INQUIRER AWARD 2008



The Inquirer Award project aims to raise the professional standard of investigative journalism and to recognise the work of excellent journalists in Syria and the region beyond (Jordan, Lebanon, Palestine and Iraq).

This project is in its fourth year and funded by the Foreign and Commonwealth Office and managed by The British Embassy in co-ordination with the Thomson Foundation.

As part of the Inquirer Award project, a series of training workshops on the skills of investigative reporting for print, television and photo journalists took place in August 2008. Participants in the workshops were from different local public and private media outlets such as Al Baath, Tishreen, Al Thawra and Syrian TV. At the End of the workshop the British Ambassador awarded the participants the Thomson Foundation Certificate.

The second part of the project is the Inquirer Award 2008 - the Investigative reporter of the year award.



Print and television journalists from Jordan, Syria, Lebanon, Palestine and Iraq will compete for the award, which aims to find the journalist who can demonstrate an ability to examine, in depth, a significant issue that is relevant to the region and it's people.

Print and television journalists competed in separate categories. Also for the first time we have now included a competition for photojournalists from the region.

Print and television journalists working for any Arabic language publication or television station in Jordan, Syria, Lebanon and Palestine are eligible to compete for the prestigious award.

As well as receiving the Inquirer Award 2008, the winner of the best investigative report for print media and the winner of the best investigative report for television will enjoy all-expenses paid study tour for one week in the UK.

