

JTI Scholarships for Journalists, at their 20-year anniversary

Bucharest, February 17, 2019 - In 2019, **JTI Scholarships for Journalists** celebrates 20 years since its establishment. The program - the longest-running (and in fact only) initiative of this sort - was launched in 2000 with private support as a continuation of the training stages dedicated to journalists and institutional communicators from Central and Eastern European countries with the assistance of the US authorities. The program's objective throughout the years was the development of journalists' knowledge and skills, by their exposure to the realities of evolved democracies, getting familiar with diverse cultural environments and specialized professional practice, initially in the United States and subsequently in Brussels.

During these 20 years, approximately 250 journalists have benefited from the program. On the anniversary, the participants to the previous editions met the newest members of the "JTI Scholars Club", the winners of the 2018 – 2019 Edition.

The ten newest journalists shall pay a one-week business visit to the European institutions in Brussels, to NATO headquarters, and to various bodies and organizations.

Here are the names of the winners:

1. Andreea DUMITRESCU – TVR
2. Corina MATLINSCHI – Antena 3
3. Gabriel AVĂCĂRIȚEI – Wing Media Energy Consulting
4. Ilie PINTEA – Radio România Actualități
5. Cătălin DEACU - TVR
6. Arpad LASZLO – TemesvariHirek.ro
7. Loredana NEGRILĂ - TVR
8. Sebastian OANCEA – Realitatea de Vrancea, Vrancea24
9. Ligia VORO – Transilvania Business
10. Vlad EPURESCU – adevarul.ro

The two Romanian journalists who shall attend an extended research and training stage of one month in Brussels are:

1. Cătălin DEACU - TVR
2. Gabriel AVĂCĂRIȚEI – Wing Media Energy Consulting

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