

The Media and Democracy Karol Jakubowicz Award of the Polish Communication Association



Photo: Dr. Maria Nowina-Konopka, Christian S. Nissen i Dr. Jakub Nowak (from the right) — laureates of the first Media and Democracy Karol Jakubowicz Award with Małgorzata Semil-Jakubowicz and members of the Scientific Committee

In 2018, for the first time ever, scholars and researchers interested in the interplay between media and politics were granted the “Media and Democracy Karol Jakubowicz Award”. An award supporting research on freedom of the press, media democratisation, public service media and the role of ethics in contemporary journalism was introduced to mark the 5th anniversary of the passing away of Dr. Karol Jakubowicz (1941–2013) — one of the most prominent media scholars in Central Europe and beyond.

The idea of establishing this new award under the Polish Communication Association was introduced by Małgorzata Semil-Jakubowicz. The first edition aimed to recognise outstanding publications from 2017 and 2018; these were carefully reviewed and evaluated by members of the Scientific Committee: Iwona Hofman (Maria Curie-Skłodowska University in Lublin), Małgorzata Semil-Jakubowicz, Michał Głowacki (University of Warsaw), Alicja Jaskiernia (University of Warsaw), Beata Klimkiewicz (Jagiellonian University in Kraków), Jerzy Olędzki (Cardinal Stefan Wyszyński University in Warsaw) and Hanna Machińska (Ombudsman).

The award ceremony took place on June 15th, 2018 in Warsaw during one of the sessions of the annual conference of the European Media Management Association. The ceremony was chaired by Gregory Ferrell Lowe (Northwestern University in Qatar), who underlined the significance of Karol’s work and his impact on European media law. Iwona Hofman — President of the Polish Communication Association, granted the “Media and Democracy

Karol Jakubowicz Award” to Dr. Maria Nowina Konopka (monograph: “Infomorphosis. Information Management in New Media”) and Dr. Jakub Nowak (monograph: “Network Policy of Pop Culture”). A special prize for promoting democratic principles in the media, was given to Christian S. Nissen — Copenhagen Business School (Denmark); Director General of the Danish public broadcaster DR in 1994–2004. Nissen received this award for his contribution and achievements in debates on democracy and public service media at the European and national level.

It is believed that future editions of the “Media and Democracy Karol Jakubowicz Award” will further promote principles of democratic media in Poland and beyond.

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The 68th ICA Conference

Polish Communication Association Panel:

Political Executive — Media Relations in the Era of Mediatized Politics in Finland, Lithuania, Poland, and Sweden

Prague, Czech Republic, May 24–28, 2018



Photo: The participants of the panel — Gunnar Nygren, Auksė Balčytienė, Bogusława Dobek-Ostrowska, Svetlana Bodrunova, Milda Mallin, Jacek Nożewski, Karl Magnus Johansson, Risto Niemikari, Elena Johansson, Tapio Raunio

A panel organized by the Polish Communication Association took place on the third day (May 26) of the Annual Conference of the International Communication Association (ICA) held at Hilton Hotels in Prague in the Czech Republic. The panel, titled “Political Executive — Media Relations in the Era of Mediatized Politics in Finland, Lithuania, Poland, and Sweden”, was chaired by Bogusława Dobek-Ostrowska (University of Wrocław, Poland), and comprised of six presentations delineating the research results stemming from a forth-