

2018 Food Sustainability Media Award Finalists Announced

Thomson Reuters Foundation and Barilla Center for Food and Nutrition announce finalists for award recognising outstanding reporting on global food challenges

LONDON (Oct 16) --The Thomson Reuters Foundation (TRF) and the Barilla Center for Food and Nutrition (BCFN) Foundation announced today the finalists selected for the 2018 [Food Sustainability Media Award](#).

Launched in December 2016, the initiative aims to draw public attention to the issue of food sustainability through recognising outstanding coverage of issues relating to food security, sustainability, agriculture and nutrition.

An expert panel of judges selected 12 finalists across the four award categories; written journalism and multimedia, both published and unpublished, based on a number of criteria including substance, originality and creativity.

Overall 431 award submissions were received from 80 countries around the world. Finalist published work included entries from Politico, Wired UK, Time Magazine and National Geographic.

“Our food system is under attack. The world’s growing population, the huge amount of waste, and the appalling number of undernourished people are real challenges that, unless tackled now, will have lasting consequences for future generations,” says Thomson Reuters Foundation CEO Monique Villa. “This is why we must bring these issues to a wider audience. The finalists are all worthy of recognition for their unique and exciting take on global food challenges.”

“We all have a role to play to fix our broken food system,” said Guido Barilla, Chairman of the BCFN Foundation. “With this Award, we aim to promote quality journalism to encourage action and find concrete solutions towards a more sustainable global food system.”

All finalist entries will also enter the initiative’s Best of the Web Award. This award will be chosen by the public, who can vote for the entry that they would most like to see recognised for excellence in reporting on food sustainability. Voting is open on the [award website](#) from today, 16th October, until 11:59 PM (GMT) on 23rd November.

Winners will be announced at the BCFN Foundation’s 9th International Forum on Food and Nutrition on 27th November in Milan. Those awarded for their published work will receive a cash prize of €10,000. Those awarded for their unpublished work will receive an all-expenses paid trip to attend a Thomson Reuters Foundation media training course on food sustainability. The winner of the Best of the Web prize will also receive a place on the training course, along with the two runners-up in each of the unpublished categories.

All **winning unpublished** entries will be **distributed** via the [Thomson Reuters Foundation](#) and the [BCFN Foundation](#) websites. **The winning unpublished article** will also be distributed through the Reuters newswire, reaching an estimated 1 billion readers.

The full list of finalists for the 2018 Food Sustainability Media Award is:
(In alphabetical order)

Multimedia published category

Daily Bread – Gregg Segal, *Time Magazine*

Food Apartheid – Kim Harrisberg, *Cutting Edge South African Broadcast Corporation*

Hunger Solutions – Luca Locatelli, *National Geographic*

Multimedia unpublished category

Eat Like the World Depends on It – Rosemary Ostfeld

Harvests of Hope California – Karen Buchsbaum and Koorosh Farchadi

Journey to Better Health: Childhood Malnutrition in Rwanda – Maggie Andresen

Written published category

Surrounded by crops, lacking food: A health paradox in the Mississippi Delta – Anna Wolfe, *The Clarion Ledger*

The decades-long quest to end drought (and feed millions) by taking the salt out of seawater – Emma Bryce, *Wired UK*

The great nutrient collapse – Helena Bottemiller Evich, *Politico*

Written unpublished category

A trashcan lady is now feeding the neighborhood – Pauliina Siniauer

Overworked, overweight and undernourished: the burden of South African women – Robyn Bowden

Why The Philippines May Run Out Of Fish By 2048 – Nastasha Alli

See website to view full entries: www.goodfoodmediaaward.com/finalists/2018/

The judging panel:

All finalists were chosen by a panel of judges made up of leading professionals in the fields of journalism, photography, food and agricultural sustainability policy and research, including:

- Africa Director at the International Center for Tropical Agriculture, Debisi Araba
- Editor-in-Chief of La Repubblica, Mario Calabresi
- Chief Strategy Officer at James Beard Foundation, Mitchell Davis
- Thomson Reuters Foundation Climate Editor, Laurie Goering
- Global Editorial Director, Thought Leadership at the Economist Group, Irene Mia
- Coordinator of the SDG2 Advocacy Hub, Paul Newnham
- Founder of Food Tank, Danielle Nierenberg
- Photographer and Author, Finbarr O'Reilly
- Director of Partnerships, Advocacy and Capacity Development at the Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations (FAO), Marcela Villarreal

About the Thomson Reuters Foundation

The [Thomson Reuters Foundation](#) acts to promote the highest standards in journalism and spread the practice of legal pro bono worldwide. The organisation runs initiatives that inform, connect and empower people around the world: access to free legal assistance, editorial coverage of the world's under-reported news, media development and training, and the [Trust Conference](#).

About the Barilla Center for Food and Nutrition Foundation

The BCFN Foundation is a multidisciplinary research center analysing the cause and effect relationship that economic, scientific, social and environmental factors have on food. It produces invaluable scientific content that can be used to inform and help people make conscious choices every day about food and nutrition, health and sustainability.

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