

## Past AIBS Media Award Winners

1995  
Rosie Mestel  
*Discover*

1997  
Carl Zimmer  
*Discover*

1998  
John Carey, Naomi Freundlich, Julia Flynn  
(with Neil Gross and Joan O'C. Hamilton)  
*Business Week*

1999  
Lynne Jensen, John McQuaid,  
and Mark Schleifstein  
*The Times-Picayune*

Bari Scott and Jude Thilman  
SoundVision Productions

2000  
Douglas Birch  
*Baltimore Sun*

2001  
Mark Robichaux  
*Wall Street Journal*

Jim Metzner  
"Pulse of the Planet"

2002  
Gary Polakovic  
*Los Angeles Times*

2003  
Richard Stone  
*Science*

Robin White  
"Living on Earth"

2004  
Sarah Staples  
*Ottawa Citizen*

Daniel Grossman  
Radio Netherlands

2005  
Tom Meersman  
*Minneapolis Star Tribune*

Diane Toomey  
"Living on Earth"

2006  
Margaret Wertheim  
*LA Weekly*

Daniel Grossman  
Radio Netherlands

2007  
Kenneth Weiss and Usha McFarling  
*Los Angeles Times*

David Baron  
*The World*

2008  
Michelle Nijhuis  
*High Country News*

## About the American Institute of Biological Sciences

The American Institute of Biological Sciences is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) scientific association dedicated to advancing biological research and education for the welfare of society. Founded in 1947 as a part of the National Academy of Sciences, AIBS became an independent member-governed organization in the 1950s. Today, with offices in Washington, DC, and a staff of approximately 50, AIBS is sustained by a robust membership of some 5,000 biologists and 200 professional societies and scientific organizations; the combined individual membership of the latter exceeds 250,000. AIBS advances its mission through coalition activities in research, education, and public policy; publishing the peer-reviewed journal, *BioScience*, and the education website, [ActionBioscience.org](http://ActionBioscience.org); providing scientific peer review and advisory services to government agencies and other clients; convening meetings; and managing scientific programs. Web site: [www.aibs.org](http://www.aibs.org).



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# Media Award

## 2009

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Recognizing outstanding print or  
broadcast reporting on biological research

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## About the Award

The American Institute of Biological Sciences (AIBS) Media Award, established in 1995, recognizes outstanding reporting on biological research in either print or broadcast journalism. Through the Media Award, AIBS encourages the communication of biology to the general public and aims to foster a better understanding of how biology research is relevant to society as a whole.

## Rules of Eligibility

- The award is limited to nontechnical journalism.
- Both freelancers and staff writers are eligible.
- Submissions by scientists writing in their area of research will not be considered.
- Articles appearing in BioScience, AIBS's journal, are not eligible.
- Books and articles in technical journals will not be considered.
- Biological research is broadly defined to include laboratory and field work, as well as theoretical advances. For the purposes of this award, it does not include testing of medical or veterinary treatments.

## Submissions

Applicants may submit a single contribution or a series focusing on a single topic. Stories must have been published or broadcast between 16 December 2007 and 15 December 2008. A series will be accepted if more than half of it appeared between those dates. Entries may be submitted by the journalist or on his or her behalf. Only one entry per journalist will be considered.

An application form accompanied by five copies of the submission (print copies, CDs, videotapes, or excerpts of radio or television series, not to exceed two hours) must be received by 15 January 2009. Broadcast entries must also be accompanied by five copies of the script. Submissions will not be returned.

Send application and entries to:  
AIBS Media Award  
1444 I St., NW, Suite 200  
Washington, DC 20005

## Judging

Submissions will be judged by a panel of science journalists and scientists chosen by AIBS. Entries will be judged on the basis of clarity, reporting and writing skills, originality, and appeal to the general public. The winner will be notified by 1 March 2009.

## Presentation

The award will be presented in Washington, DC, at the AIBS annual meeting in May 2009. The winner receives an all-expenses-paid trip to Washington to attend the awards ceremony and a cash award of \$1,000.

## 2009 Media Award Entry

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Title of Entry:

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Where submission was published or broadcast:

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Date(s) of publication or broadcast:

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