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## JOURNALIST(S) OF THE YEAR

For the first time the Journalist of the Year in the annual IPB Awards has gone to two journalists - Patrick Hannay of Architects Journal and Simon Montague of New Civil Engineer. Announcing it, Graham Rimmer said that the judges could not divide the excellence of the two and had thus decided the only equitable solution was the joint award.

The Awards ceremony was held at the RIBA, a new venue for the event arranged by Alan Thompson (who shortly leaves his post as Press Officer at the RIBA to lead the architectural PR team of Camargue Communications of Cheltenham - but he will still be based in London).

More than 80 members and guests were present to hear Mira Bar-Hillel scoop the pool again by winning both the Rehab and Property categories. In the latter Caroline McGhee (Sunday Times) and Alan Hermon (Western Morning News) both won commendations from the assessors.

The other Award winners were: freelance Andrew Wood (Photo Journalist); Malcolm Reid, Glasgow Evening Herald (Provincial Journalist - the award he won last year); Graham Ridout, Building (Technology Journalist); Andrew Pring, Contract Journal (Business/Financial Journalist); Huw Jones, New Civil Engineer (Civil Engineering Journalist) - with special commendations for freelance Russ Swan and Construction News' Mick Hurrell - Patrick Hannay, AJ (Building Journalist) - commendation for John Reed, of The Surveyor - and Colin Amery, Financial Times (Architecture Journalist) - with commendations going to Martin Spring, Mark Swinnerton of Building Design and Janet Abrams of Bluepoint and Independent).

Organiser Mike Markham, who took over this year from the indefatigable Don Westcott, noted with pleasure that the audience clearly preferred to be at the Awards Ceremony than watching Miss World on television. He said that more than 150 entries had been received, all of extremely high calibre. He particularly thanked the sponsors - the RIBA, Y.J.Lovell (Holdings), Higgs and Hill Developments, Willett Ltd. Ove Arup and Partners, Protim Services Ltd., Redland plc, BASF Coatings and Inks, the CIOB, and Kodak. RIBA President Elect Max Hutchinson noted that property and architectural journalism was in a healthy state and doing the professions a great service. Guest of honour Godfrey Bradman, chairman of Rosehaugh, called on IBP members to do all they could to elevate the public debate about architecture and building, and also remarked that it was no use erecting superb buildings if the surroundings were shabby and dirty.

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NEW COMMITTEE: The IBP Committee is now Don Westcott (chairman), Paul Finch (President), David Crawford, Sally Greenway, David Holloway, Sutherland Lyall, Andrew Pring, Carole Reardon, Graham Ridout, Russ Swan, Stephen Trombley. Alan Thompson, Richard Wilcock, and Nigel Ellis (who has returned pro tem to produce the Bulletin).