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ALAN KIRKLAND SOGA ACHIEVEMENT AWARD



The honour recognises a sustained and extraordinary contribution to newspapers journalism on the part of an individual.

The winner will have demonstrated impeccable ethics and craft excellence. The results will have enriched South African public life. Where the person's accomplishment has been achieved in the face of obstacles, this will add to the nominee's ratings.

This award is named after the historical journalistic figure Alan Kirkland Soga. Born in the early 1860s, he served as editor of Izwi Labantu (Voice of the People) between 1898 - 1908. Soga also helped found the South African Native Press Association in 1902 - the first African news service in Africa. He also wrote a regular column in Umteteli wa Bantu in the

early 1920s. Historian Les Switzer describes the man as "undoubtedly one of the leading intellectuals of his generation." Soga is remembered for the journalistic credo which he promoted: "Gainst the wrong that needs resistance; For the good that lacks assistance."

Rules

1. The individual's accomplishment should have been over a career of least 20 years in journalism.
2. Judges are not eligible for nomination.
3. Nominations have to be in by 24 February 2010.

Prize

The winner will receive a Mondi Shanduka Newspaper Premier Awards Trophy and Certificate.

Nomination Procedure

- The nomination should be in the form of a written letter (or letters) of recommendation.
- The information should address the reasons why the nominee is deserving of this recognition.
- Additional supporting materials (testimonials/press cuttings) are welcomed.
- No entry fee or entry from is required for this award.

Entries may be sent by registered post, courier or hand-delivered to: Malesedi Dlamini[[Contact Details](#)]