



Press release: AFP rejoins INSI

The International News Safety Institute is delighted to welcome Agence France Presse as a member and applauds its commitment to the safety of journalists.

The move means that AFP becomes part of a safety network coordinated by INSI which includes a number of the world's leading media organisations. As such INSI prides itself on being the news industry's safety body and providing the most relevant and timely advice to journalists to help them stay safe wherever they are working.

Phil Chetwynd, Editor-in-Chief of AFP, said: "The safety and security of our 1,500 staff correspondents and hundreds of contributors is of the utmost importance to Agence France-Presse. We believe it is vital for responsible news organisations to work together, share information and compare experiences of hostile environments.

"We believe INSI plays an important role in bringing media organisations together and improving safety standards for the whole media industry. We are delighted to be re-joining INSI and we look forward to playing an active role."

AFP, which was a member of INSI in the early years following its launch in 2003, returns at a critical time for the industry as journalists and media workers face diverse and increasing threats around the world.

"We are thrilled to be able to work with AFP and we applaud its commitment to the safety of its staff and those with whom it works. By joining INSI, we hope that our colleagues at AFP will gain from our established network, much as we know they will bring a great deal to the safety discussions which are currently such an important part of our industry's considerations," said Hannah Storm, INSI Director.