

News Release



Winners of 2009 Business Travel Journalism Awards Announced

LONDON, November 18, 2009 — The winners of the prestigious Business Travel Journalism Awards 2009 were announced at a glittering ceremony at historic One Whitehall Place last night.

Now in their sixth year, the awards – organised and promoted by Carlson Wagonlit Travel – showcase quality media coverage of business travel by recognising and rewarding the very best journalists and publications operating in the sector today.

Press Gazette Editor Dominic Ponsford was on hand to present the prizes to winners in eight individual categories, acknowledging journalists working across all areas of the corporate travel sector in print and online. Winners were chosen by a panel of nine industry experts, chaired by Ponsford.

The Awards also recognise the publications (print and online) that best serve the needs of the industry. The winners are chosen by the buyer members of two trade bodies the Institute of Travel & Meetings and the Association of Corporate Travel Executives.

“There has been plenty of doom and gloom talk about the corporate travel sector over the last year, but these awards demonstrate that there is plenty of life – and plenty of great stories – to be found, ” said Andrew Waller, CWT Executive Vice President for the UK & Ireland.

“A search for excellence is at the heart of everything CWT does and we are delighted to continue our long association with these awards,” added Waller.

The 2009 winners are:

Best Newcomer to Business Travel Journalism

Gemma Sharkey

Best Business Travel Supplement

The Times: Business Travel Focus Report

The Innovation Award

Gulliver: The Economist

Meetings & Events Journalist of the Year

Leanne Bell

The Environment Award

David Richardson

Business Travel News Journalist of the Year

Dominic O’Connell

Business Travel Features Journalist of the Year

Mark Frary

Special Achievement Award

Gillian Upton

Business Travel News Electronic Publication of the Year

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Business Travel Publication of the Year

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Additional event details, including the shortlists, can be found at

www.businesstraveljournalismawards.co.uk

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