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## **2006 Professional Photographer's Awards Announced by IPC**

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The International Photographic Council (IPC), a non-governmental organization of the United Nations, has announced the recipients of its 8<sup>th</sup> annual Professional Photographer Leadership Awards. The winners will be recognized at the IPC's "International Professional Photographer's Month" luncheon at the United Nations in New York City on Wednesday, May 24<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 a.m. Mary Jane Hellyar, president, Film & Photofinishing Systems, Eastman Kodak Company is scheduled to be the keynote speaker.

The awards are presented each May, designated International Professional Photographer's Month, by the International Photographic Council, a Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) of the United Nations. The winners are selected by each of six professional photography organizations, from among their members: the White House News Photographers Association (WHNPA); the American Society of Media Photographers (ASMP); the Professional Photographers of America (PPA); the Wedding Portrait Photographers International (WPPI), the Advertising Photographers of America (APA) and the Professional School Photographers Association International (PSPA). Each organization decides which of their members receives the award each year based on the standards they use within their organization.

The 2006 IPC award recipients are as follows:

***Mannie Garcia / IPC WHNPA Leadership Award***

***George Long / IPC ASMP Leadership Award***

***Jo Alice & Tom McDonald / IPC PPA Leadership Award***

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***Rick & Deborah Ferro / IPC WPPI Leadership Award***

***Barbara Bordnick / IPC APA Leadership Award***

***Anthony J. Cilento, Jr. / PSPA***

Luncheon reservations are due by May 8, 2006. For information, contact Priscilla Chu, Cygnus Business Media, at 631-845-2700, Ext. 341. E-mail: [priscilla.chu@cygnuspub.com](mailto:priscilla.chu@cygnuspub.com)

The International Photographic Council (IPC) is a multinational non-governmental organization of the United Nations, composed of representatives from every major sector of the photographic industry. Founded in 1974, it is dedicated to increasing worldwide recognition of photography as a universal means of communication through the adoption of a motto, "Peace through Understanding, Understanding through Photography, the Universal Language."

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