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## A true global conference

We in The Norwegian Foundation for Investigative Journalism (SKUP) are proud to welcome you to the fifth Global Investigative Journalism Conference, this year arranged at Lillehammer, Norway. For four days the Radisson SAS Lillehammer Hotel will be packed with more than 100 seminars, presentations and speeches from all over the planet.

This small Norwegian Olympic city, 184 km's (114 miles) north of the capitol Oslo, will be a meeting place for close to 500 journalists from more than 80 countries – the largest journalist gathering here since the Winter Olympics in 1994. We are especially happy to reveal to you that the GIJ- conference of 2008 will be the most global investigative journalism conference to this date. At previous conferences, the number of non-Western participants has been around 40-50. Thanks to generous funding from our sponsors, and support from our Scandinavian sister organizations and the global network, we have been able to bring in more than 150 people who would not have been able to attend otherwise.

GIJC-2008 provides unique opportunities for all participants to establish a lifelong network of contacts on all continents. Our hope is that our program will inspire, enlighten, educate and even provoke you. We also hope that the

GIJC-2008 will be a place for recharging your batteries, and to introduce to you new techniques, skills and methods as an investigative reporter. This is a venue to adjust your compass, to chase the real important stories that are still uncovered.

The magazine currently in your hands, is meant to guide you through the highlights of the program. But as you'll discover, there are gemstones throughout the four-day program not mentioned here. It's up to you to explore and learn about some of the best journalism has to offer worldwide. The magazine is in great part produced by a team of volunteer graduate students from the Norwegian school of journalism in Oslo.

Welcome to Lillehammer!

**Jan Gunnar Furuly**

Chairman, GIJC-2008 organizing committee

