

# The Russian Government certificates of merit awarded to Russian-language foreign media

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## **Reference**

The World Congress of Russian Press (hereinafter the Congress) is a global forum of Russian journalism held every year in different countries.

This year the Congress is taking place in New York.

The Congress is organised by the World Association of Russian Press (WARP), the ITAR-TASS news agency and the World Russian Press Foundation (WARP Foundation). In the past few years a tradition has emerged to present the Russian Government certificates of merit to the Russian-language foreign media that enjoy the biggest prestige in their respective countries.

In 2017, the Russian Government's certificates of merit were awarded to the Zvyazda publishing house (Republic of Belarus), the newspaper Russkoye Slovo (Republic of Moldova), the online newspaper Novosti Uzbekistana (Republic of Uzbekistan) and the Inforing Media publishing house (Republic of Estonia) (Government Directive 1457-r of July 10, 2017).

In 2018, according to the directive, the Russian Government certificates of merit for major contribution to the preservation of the Russian language and culture and consolidation of compatriots abroad were awarded to the internet TV channel ITON.TV (State of Israel), the Khabar Agency (Republic of Kazakhstan) and the weekly newspaper MK-Germany (Federal Republic of Germany).

The certificates were presented on September 24 in New York.