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**THE ASSOCIATION FOR WOMEN IN COMMUNICATIONS
ANNOUNCES 2008 CLARION AWARD WINNERS**

ALEXANDRIA, Va. (July 10, 2008) – The Association for Women in Communications (AWC) recognizes 80-plus winners of its esteemed Clarion Awards competition. The Associated Press, with three winning entries is honored with the 2008 International Crystal Clarion Award, the highest of Clarion Awards. The Associated Press winning categories include: Corporate/Stock Photography, Feature Photo or Photo Illustration; Press Photography – Spot News Photo; and Press Photography – Photo Series/Essay (Hard News).

In its 36th year, the Clarion Awards recognize small business, large corporate, nonprofit, agency and government communication specialists internationally who demonstrate excellence in clear and concise communications. The International Crystal Clarion honors the individual/organization recognized with the most winning entries in the annual Clarion competition.

The prestigious awards will be presented at the 2008 AWC National Conference, Sept. 25-27, in Washington, D.C., at the Doubletree Crystal City Hotel. Winners will be honored with their award(s) during the International Matrix & Clarion Awards Celebration, the evening of Sat., Sept. 27. All of the winning entries will be on display during the conference. For a complete list of Clarion Award winners this year, please visit: <http://www.womcom.org/awards/Clarion2008.asp>.

Founded in 1909, the Association for Women in Communications has nearly 3,000 members worldwide. AWC champions the advancement of women across all communications disciplines by recognizing excellence, promoting leadership and positioning its members at the forefront of the evolving communications era.

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