

## SC candidate 2019: Luis Menendez

### *Candidate as Vice-President*

Luis Menendez, Spain

Federation of Associations of Journalists of Spain (FAPE)

#### CV

- Elected member of EFJ Steering Committee (Sarajevo, 2016) and IFJ ExCom on behalf of Spanish journalists unions (Dublin, 2013).
- Board member of FAPE (Spanish Federation of Journalists) as delegate for Exterior Relations, since 2009. Current president of the Journalists Association of Santiago de Compostela (APSC).
- Chief Editor, Head of Section, Coordinator Reports and Director of Programs on public Television de Galicia Channel (TVG/Spain), since 1985. Communication & Public Relations CRTVG Dept. Currently, on TVG Section Documentaries.
- Board of directors of the Spanish Pen Club Int. As a writer, several travel books published.
- Program TV Editor of the following:

**2004/08:** ‘Terras de Acolá’ (*Lands Beyond the Sea*), about Portugal and the eight Portuguese speaking countries.

**2002/04:** ‘Terras do Leste’ (*Lands of the East*), an approximation to the ten new members from Eastern Europe that joined on 1/5/04 in the European Union.

**2000/02:** ‘Terras de Merlín’ (*Merlin’s Lands*): a series of ethnographic documentaries (13 chapters) on the realities and legends of Celts European countries.

**1986/90:** ‘Galicia no Mundo’ and ‘Galeguidade’: programs about Galician migration around the world visiting 78 countries.

- Author of the first Spanish TV program about the UE impact (‘Europa’, 1986).
- Specialist in ‘Camino de Santiago’. Board member of the International Brotherhood Federation of Camino de Santiago (FICS), along with other experts from 14 countries.
- Journalist:
  - 1976: Magazines ‘Ciudadano’ and ‘Posible’
  - 1979-81: daily newspaper ‘La Region’

Daily newspaper ‘El Ideal Gallego’ (1982)

- Correspondent:
  - 1977: daily newspaper ‘El País’



- o 1978: press agency 'Europa Press'
- Radio Host
  - o Radio-SER Ourense
  - o 1982-85: Central station of Radio-SER in Galicia
  - o 1983 Radio Nacional de España.

## CANDIDATE STATEMENT

I apply as candidate for the EFJ Vice-Presidency and EFJ Steering Committee in Tallinn GM elections, and request your support for the intense work that expected to me in the next three years, if I am elected. I wish you to put your trust in me. I have a vast experience in the syndical organizations since 20 years ago, as well as a still active professional journalist.

The last three years I have developed a job as an elected member of the EFJ SC. Was an interesting experience. Next time, I decided to intensify efforts in European colleagues, because it is a necessity. Under three points of view:

1º) To face the journalism challenges in Europe, we need a newest EFJ that is more committed to reality. An EFJ less bureaucratic and closed in on itself. **More active and present where the problems are and where the people suffer: newsroom media, streets, demonstrations...** It is true that in these years successes have been achieved in areas such as training, copyright, or campaigns in favor of freedom of expression. But it's not enough.

2º) I'm confident that we need to take more influence in group –élites- of decisions. Not only in political way, but in intelectual, economics, universitarian, etc..... we share same interests but as a EFJ **we have to target the solidarity**. We need to achieve knowledge and experiences for other social groups... and..the final target is: **Changes in European mentality in favour of Journalism.**

3º) Motivative **youths** and **women** journalists. Give entusiasm in both groups. Involving them, and everyone, in favour of tecnhological changes for medias, (TIC. Investigation & Develop & Innovation) without lossing our principles of journalism.: Solidarity, Independence, Professionalism.....searching always THE TRUTH.

That is why I ask for your support for my candidacy for the EFJ Vice Presidency. I am very supportive of the unity in the EFJ and of a greater and reinforce collaboration with the IFJ. I do not believe in sides or blocks neither geographic (North / South), economic (Rich / Poor), political (Left / Right) nature.

We are all the same: JOURNALISTS