

Nicolas Bellet

Director, Journalism and Media Programmes, Thomson Reuters Foundation
2014 – Present

As Director of Journalism & Media Programmes Nicolas drives the Thomson Reuters Foundation's initiatives to raise journalistic standards and develop independent platforms for news delivery around the world. He also manages the Foundation's commercial media and corporate communications training programmes raising vital funds to support the Foundation's charitable work.

Deputy Bureau Chief, TF1

January 2006 – July 2013 London

- Editorial responsibilities and day-to-day running of TF1's second largest foreign bureau
- Managed a team of producers, researchers, cameramen and video editors
- Planned, organised and led coverage of a variety of stories including the 2011 London Riots, London Olympics, royal wedding, and the Queen's historic visit to Ireland
- Provided insight, commentary and analysis to targeted audiences on unfolding issues such as the financial crisis and Britain's relationship to the European Union
- Reported live from Tunisia during the Arab spring
- Supervised all aspects of business administration, including moving TF1's London facilities to a new location.

UK Correspondent, TF1

February 2001 – December 2005 London, United Kingdom

- Responsible for covering all British and Irish news relevant to the French public
- Reported extensively on the 7/7 terrorist attacks, UK politics, the peace process in Northern Ireland, and Britain's military involvement in Iraq
- Conducted interviews with Cabinet ministers including Tony Blair and Gordon Brown, senior British corporate executives, authors, actors and athletes.

News Producer - Reporter, TF1

July 2000 – January 2001 Paris Area, France

- Researched and produced stories for TF1's flagship news programs
- Compiled news packages using various media sources.

News Assistant, La Chaine Info

July 1997 – June 2000 Paris Area, France

- Prepared news summary and running orders for early morning shows
- Updated scripts for newsreaders while on air.

Education

Centre de Formation des Journalistes

Master's degree, Broadcast Journalism

1998 – 2000

Université Panthéon Assas (Paris II)

Bachelor's degree, Law and Political Science

1993 – 1997

Will Church

Head of Journalism Projects, Thomson Reuters Foundation

2012 – Present, Project Coordinator 2010 – 2012

In this role, Will is responsible for designing media development interventions, creating business cases and launching programmes to address specific socio and economic development aims. He has significant experience in leading projects, steering multiple stakeholders such as news organisations, journalists, content partners and project staff towards project objectives. He also manages regular reporting, monitoring progress against milestones, problem solving, financial oversight, risk assessments, and impact analysis.

During his time at TRF he has set up news agencies in Zimbabwe and Egypt, managed global reporting programmes for the UN's International Fund for Agricultural Development, and organised targeted programmes in countries ranging from Indonesia to India to Iraq.

Will also oversees all projects and TRF staff in Russia and the former Soviet Union, including the Foundation's flagship Perspektiv programme, working with over 100 journalists on their access to professional development opportunities and cross-border and cultural reporting capacities. Leading this programme, he is responsible that all programme activities take place, milestones are met, and impact is assessed and reported to TRF's funding partners.

Project Manager/Junior Producer, TV London: Sept 07 – Jan 10

Oversaw the expansion of video products and technical services, including expansion of the distribution network from London's hotels into British Airways, London black cabs, Heathrow Express and further afield. Role included:

- Managing the creation and distribution of content, running production crews and meeting the demands of clients, the company and the distribution partners.
- Liaised with start-up affiliate teams around the world and was responsible for disseminating company policies and procedures and organising all overseas operations for production crews.
- Managing the on-boarding of new staff, growing from a 3-person team into a 15+ permanent team alongside up to 15 temporary staff.

American Express: Jan 07 – July 07

Contract manager and data supervisor, overseeing the successful implementation of a new booking system. Required to use initiative throughout whilst coordination within a global network was vital.

British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC): Sept 06 – Oct 06

Researcher on flagship Timewatch documentary, involved exhaustive research and working to strict deadlines and budgets in intensive, high profile institution

Education

University College London

BSc, Geography with Geopolitics

2003 – 2006

Natalia Pisarenko

Project Coordinator, Thomson Reuters Foundation
June 2015 – Present, Moscow/St Petersburg

As Project Coordinator for TRF in Russia Natalia undertakes the organisation's outreach to partners in the Russian speaking regions. She has built relationships with journalists and hundreds of news organisations, trade bodies, universities and a range of other contacts. She is also responsible for coordinating logistics of TRF's flagship Perspektivy programme, from flights and visas to working with consultants on curriculum development and workshop agendas. Furthermore, she is required to remain up-to-date on all media related policy issues and developments throughout the region and adjust the project's activities accordingly.

Community development specialist in Russia and CIS, Thomson Reuters Russia
January 2014 – May 2015, Moscow

- Organising marketing and PR events in collaboration with market regulators
- Managing partnership and cross-branding projects with markets business unions
- Launching and content developing of topical on-line business forums

Conference Producer, Committee on Investments and Strategic projects of St. Petersburg.
2013

- Designing the scenarios of the round tables by conducting research, defining problematic agenda and compiling list of relevant speakers, integrating foreign experts for discussions
- Advising the promotion team on inviting potential participants and journalists
- Managing work of events administrators and IT specialists, organizing the schedule of interpreters

Events consultant, Northern Capital Gateway Media
May 2012 – May 2013, Moscow

- Organising press-events on behalf of NGNC in Moscow, St. Petersburg, Frankfurt:
- Anti-crisis round tables with leaders of trade unions and journalists
- All-Russia competition for journalists working in aviation industry

Senior manager, Marketing Division, RIA Novosti (Russian Information Agency – News)
June 2010- March 2012,

Designing and coordinating marketing and PR events:

- Organised presentations of the new Media centre for key clients
- Organised Russian-Asian business Forum: 3 days, high profile speakers from Consulates of Japan, China, India and top-managers of foreign companies operating in the Region, over 200 participants.
- Assistant at International forum "Future Media" (Moscow): with the participation of members of the Federal Government, 30 speakers from 8 countries, 400 participants
- Over 100 press-conferences and round tables organized on the demand of state and commercial companies at the North-West regional media-centre of RIA Novosti Agency
- Developed relations with bloggers, opinion leaders, organized on-line and video conferences

Education

**Sheffield Hallam University (UK),
MA in Public Relations**

2012-2013

**State Technical University of Ural (Russia),
BA in Project management**

1998-2003.

Chevening Scholarship

2012

Thomson Reuters Foundation Consultants

Richard Meares

Richard is a trainer and veteran former Reuters journalist. As a senior foreign correspondent and editor for Reuters, he wrote top world stories for the news agency for 20 years, covering global major events from the fall of Berlin Wall in 1989 to the global financial crisis of 2007-2008. With this experience Richard delivers workshops around the world on a number of topics to international journalists and UN organisations on behalf of Thomson Reuters Foundation. He has led the 10 study tours for Russian journalists on behalf of TRF, and therefore understands the expectations and challenges of the programme already. He graduated from Oxford University with a BA in Russian and French, and speaks German, Serbo-Croat and Spanish. He is currently leading TRF's work with the FCO in Moldova.

Lyndsay Griffiths

Lyndsay is the Senior Sub-editor at Thomson Reuters Foundation, commissioning and editing features for the Foundation's newswire focusing on slavery, trafficking, women's rights, humanitarian disasters, land rights and climate. She has been with Reuters since 1990, covering the break-up of the Soviet Union, politics, economics and international events. She was also the UK editor, leading all coverage for the company from the UK. She is an experienced trainer, working with journalists and communications professionals around the world, and is also the Chair of the Advisory Committee for Index on Censorship. Lyndsay has a First-class with honours degree in Russian from Bristol University, and also speaks French and German.

Doug Busvine

Doug is the Reuters technology correspondent based in Frankfurt, and was the Bureau Chief, New Delhi, for Reuters from March 2014. He first joined Reuters in London in 1989 and has spent most of his career on assignment in central and Eastern Europe. He covered Russia and the former Soviet Union for a decade, including a three-year spell in consulting, returning to Moscow with Reuters in 2011 as chief financial correspondent. His prior postings were to Poland, Germany, Central Asia and Austria. In his role as bureau chief he has been required to nurture talent, navigate political uncertainty and build strong relationships with sources and those in the news around the world.

Ilya Kachaev

A UK-Russia dual-national, Ilya has been covering major international news for over 30 years. Over the 90s he worked as a freelance journalist for international networks - BBC, ITN, Channel 4 News - and joined Reuters in 1995 in Moscow. His major focus then was on the collapse of the Soviet Union and many dramatic events that followed - secession of former Soviet republics, anti-Gorbachev coup, storming of the Russian White House, war in Chechnya, evolution of new economy and financial crisis of late 90s, demise of Yeltsin and rise of Putin. Ilya relocated to London in 2000 to work in Reuters head office from where he continued covering events in Russia and CIS including militant attacks in Moscow and Caucasus, elections and political upheavals in Ukraine, annexation of Crimea. Wider international stories included financial crisis in Greece, rise of Erdogan in Turkey, death of Nelson Mandela in South Africa. Over the last 10 years Ilya worked regularly as a global TV output editor.