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Six finalists in the race for REAL Photography Award

In a further round of judging, the five-member international jury has narrowed down the nominees for the REAL Photography Award to six finalists. They are:

- Julian Faulhaber, Germany
- Abelardo Morell, US
- Hans-Christian Schink, Germany
- Livia Corona Velazquez, Mexico
- Thomas Weinberger, Germany
- Danwen Xing, China

Commenting on the selection Roger Hargreaves, Chairman of the REAL Photography Award Jury, said "Photography it seems has never been livelier, more inventive and more creative. Some photographs were always destined for the final selection. As a group, the jury was conscious of wanting to produce not just a selection of the best, but a coherent exhibition that would serve as a benchmark of contemporary photography's engagement with the shifting metropolis and the ever more delicate balance of the environment. We also wanted to reflect the breadth of the submissions and acknowledge interests that recurred across a range of entrants".

The final phase of judging and the announcement of the overall winner will take place on 20 March 2008, the opening day of the REAL Photography Award exhibition incorporating the photographs of all 30 award nominees. The venue of the exhibition will be the Las Palmas II Art Exhibition Centre in Rotterdam, the Netherlands. A colour catalogue of all thirty entries will be available at the travelling exhibition, which will close on 4 May 2008. Further locations will be announced at a later date.

The REAL Photography Award

The REAL Photography Award 2007 is a new and unique bi-annual photography award focusing on the themes of 'Nature, Development and Architecture'. The award is an ING Real Estate initiative designed to encourage and promote contemporary photography. The award winner is entitled to EUR 50,000 in prize money.

Jury

The Real Photography Award jury comprises Chairman Roger Hargreaves (GB), Curator of the *National Portrait Gallery*, Chaos Chen (China), photography curator of the *Millennium Art Museum* in Beijing, Lesley Martin (US), Editor-in-Chief of the *Aperture Foundation*, David Rogers (US), architect and urban designer of the *Jerde Partnership* and Frits Gierstberg, Head of Exhibitions, *Netherlands Photo Institute* and Professor of Photography at the *Erasmus University* in Rotterdam.

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Note to the Editor

Background information on the six finalists is attached.