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## **Hans-Christian Schink wins REAL Photography Award**

During a final round of judging today the work of German-born Hans-Christian Schink was singled out as the winner of the first REAL Photography Award. Schink's black and white print, which uses a photographic effect known as 'true solarisation' forms part of a long-term project entitled '1 h' that will be presented as a series of 12 images from different places on earth depicting 'movement'.

Michel Tilmant, Chairman of the Executive Board of ING Group, presented the first REAL Photography Award – a cheque worth EUR 50,000 in prize money - to Hans-Christian Schink at an award presentation ceremony held at LP II Art Centre in Rotterdam this evening.

Commenting on the winning photograph on behalf of the jury Roger Hargreaves, jury chairman, said: "We were drawn to, and intrigued by the exquisite landscape between the violent gash that streaked across an otherwise tranquil landscape. This, we discovered, was the mark of the sun as it aired across the sky in the one hour it took to make the exposure. Hans-Christian Schink's photograph has reinvigorated black and white photography with a new contemporary verve and has created a visual tension that hints at trouble to come in a wilderness paradise. His work truly reflects the award theme."

Opening the award ceremony, George Jautze, Chairman and CEO of ING Real Estate said: "Today is an exciting day for our company as we celebrate the culmination of a year's work. We have made a commitment to develop cultural institutions. As a patron of the arts and culture we wanted to make a bigger contribution. We found that contemporary photography was a perfect match for our business. What better way than to allow creative minds to demonstrate their interpretation of the elements we come across in our business environment Nature, Development and Architecture."

The award ceremony marks the official opening of the REAL Photography Award exhibition with the photographs of all 30 award nominees on display at the above venue until 4 May 2008. A colour catalogue of all thirty entries is available at the exhibition or can be ordered from [www.realphotographyaward.com](http://www.realphotographyaward.com)

### **About the REAL Photography Award**

The REAL Photography Award is a biennial photography award initiated by ING Real Estate in March 2007. The award theme called for a tribute to 'Nature, Development and Architecture'. The award has been designed to encourage and promote contemporary photography. The award winner is entitled to EUR 50,000 in prize money. The next REAL Photography Award call for entries will take place in 2009.

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### About ING Real Estate

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### Notes to the Editor

- The biography of Hans-Christian Schink and details of his award-winning entry are below.
- The five-member international jury comprises:
  - Roger Hargreaves, Chairman of the jury and Curator of the *National Portrait Gallery*, London
  - Chaos Chen (China), former 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*
  - Frits Gierstberg, Head of Exhibitions, *Netherlands Photo Institute* and Professor of Photography at the *Erasmus University* in Rotterdam.

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### **Biography Hans-Christian Schink (1961), winner of the first REAL Photography Award**

Hans-Christian Schink was born in Germany and studied photography at the Hochschule für Grafik und Buchkunst Leipzig, Germany.

This photograph is part of a long term project entitled *1 h*. The project will be presented as a series of 12 images from different places on earth depicting the „movement“ of the sun during an exposure time of exactly one hour. To create these works Schink used the effect known as 'true solarisation', which was first described by W.H. Jackson in 1857. Caused by extreme overexposure the image of the sun within the picture turns from white into black.

An important impact of the photograph is the fact that the angle of the line of the sun is very different depending on the latitude at which the image was taken. There is a horizontal line in

the far north during the period of the midnight sun but also the almost vertical line at the tropic of cancer on June 21<sup>st</sup>, the day of summer solstice.

**Details of award-winning entry**

'9/17/2006, 8:45 am - 9:45 am,  
no.78°13.370' E 015°40.024", 2006

Black and white print on silver gelatine  
fibre paper, mounted on aluminum  
135 x 180 cm