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Germany Stars in Sweden!

The “*10th Gourmand World Cookbook Awards*” took place on February 11 in Sweden, with 402 attendees from 30 countries. At the Awards Ceremony followed by a Gala Banquet, outstanding books from Germany were honoured

Best in the World :

- **Süd Frankreich Küche Kultur**, by Cornelia Schinharl, Jörg Zipprick and photographer Joerg Lehman (Gräfe und Unzer) the best book on french cuisine published outside France this year in the world

The culinary expertize of the writer is matched by the talent of the photographer to create with one of the best German publishers an exquisite book about Southern France.

- **Original Toskanische Küche**, by Emanuela Stramana (Seehamer)

This book shows why Italian cuisine is considered in nearly every country the second favorite after the national cuisine.

- **Das Weinkochbuch**, Petra Abele, Recipes Patricia Faist
Wine: Thomas Kohr – Photography : Thomas Hartmann
(Deutsches Weininstitut)

*Best book in the world on cooking with wine and spirits .
A very good book worth reading and using in the kitchen in any language, as German wines are in demand now in many countries.*

- **Weinmacher im Wurtemberg, by Chris Meier, (Neumeier)**

Best wine photography book in the world.

The photographer is responsible for the whole book, which is a marvellous achievement and success.

Honourable Mentions

- **Truffle, by Patrick Jaros (Feierabend) one of the 5 best books in the world in its category, best single subject books.**
- **Mein Kochbuch, Gerard Depardieu (Zabert-Sandmann). Special Award of the jury.**
- **Ein Brot im Kornfeld (Sigloch) One of four best bread books in the world.**
- **Das grosse Kochbuch der vegetarianischen Köstlichkeiten by Herta Gal (Books on Demand). One of the two best cookbooks this year by authors published for the first time.**

Two books from Liechtenstein also received “Honourary Mentions” as second in their categories:

Best Illustrations:

“Worüber unser Gaumen lacht” by Andrea Kühbacher und Manfred Schlapp. Illustrations : Paul Flora (Franck P.van Eck)

Best Book on Wines in Europe:

“Weintradition in Liechtenstein”, by Mathias Ospelt. Photos : Wolfgang Müller (Franck P.van Eck)

They were chosen from 5000 food and wine books published in 2004 and entered for the awards.

About the “Gourmand World Cookbook Awards”

The awards are the “Oscars” of the food and wine world. They were created at the Frankfurt Book Fair 10 years ago to reward those who “cook and drink with words”, and promote the international food book business. There are now 24.000 cookbooks published every year, which is the double of 1994. Growth has been steady ever the past 10 years, pulled by the numerous new television food shows around the world. In contrast, the general book market has been stagnant with very small growth.

The founder and president of the awards Edouard Cointreau was born in the families of Cointreau liqueur, and Remy Martin and Frapin cognacs. His family has had vineyards since 1270, and the famous french writer of the 16th century, Rabelais, son of a Frapin, is an ancestor.

The “Gourmand World Cookbook Awards” now receive approximately 5000 books from 67 countries for the competition each year. There are 34 categories for “Best in the World” cookbooks, and 14 for “Best in the World” wine books.

In a good book, the personality of the author is reflected throughout the book. Finally, it is style that makes all the difference, and the winner.

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