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2012 World Press Photo Exhibition in Ghent

The World Press Photo Exhibition can be seen from 3 July to 22 July in Ghent. This traveling exhibition, unique in its kind, is the result of a worldwide annual contest on press photography. The exhibition will be officially opened by Sander Zwart, project manager World Press Photo.

Each year, an independent international jury, consisting of nineteen members, judges the entries in nine different categories, submitted by photojournalists, agencies, newspapers and magazines from all corners of the world. This year's competition attracted 5,247 photographers from 124 countries. In total 101,254 images were entered in the contest.

The annual exhibition is shown this year at about 100 venues all over the world. This year's exhibition contains over 160 photographs. It is an annual public showcase for photojournalism comprising the year's winning photo, together with award-winning images from each of the nine contest categories.

About World Press Photo

World Press Photo is an independent, nonprofit organization based in Amsterdam, where it was founded in 1955.

World Press Photo exists to inspire understanding of the world through quality photojournalism. It is committed to supporting and advancing high standards in photojournalism and documentary photography worldwide. World Press Photo strives to generate wide public interest in and appreciation for the work of photographers and for the free exchange of information.

World Press Photo's activities include organizing an annual contest for professional photographers, and creating greater visibility for photojournalism through exhibitions and a variety of publications. It also aims to advance photojournalism through educational programs and offer direct support in the form of incentives.

You can enhance your exhibition experience with the 2012 smartphone app (www.worldpressphoto.org.app - \$ 0,99 / € 0,79).

World Press Photo receives support from the Dutch Postcode Lottery and is sponsored worldwide by Canon.

Editors please note:

A selection of the winning images is available online on the World Press Photo press download area (www.worldpressphoto.org/downloads). To access this online download area you are required to register for an account.

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