

PRESS RELEASE

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An invitation to take part in the Felix Schoeller Photo Award 2017

The third international Felix Schoeller Photo Award is about to take place, with professional photographers and trainee photographers having the opportunity to submit their work at <u>www.felix-schoeller-photoaward.com</u> from **January 1**st **to May 31**st, **2017**.

The Felix Schoeller Photo Award honors work that demonstrates a love of photography, combined with the most demanding quality standards for images. Prizes are awarded every two years and are open to German and international entrants: in 2015, we received submissions from 65 countries. A five-member jury, led by the internationally renowned, Düsseldorf-based portrait photographer, Michael Dannenmann, freely and independently deliberates on award winners in the categories of portraits, landscapes and nature, architecture and industry, photojournalism and editorial, and free/conceptual photography. The overall winner is chosen from the list of category winners. Each category attracts a prize of €2,000 for the winner: the overall winner enjoys a further prize of €10,000. The winner of the prize for up-and-coming talent enjoys a prize worth €5,000 in cash or goods, and in 2017, this prize will be donated by Olympus Deutschland GmbH. After the Award, the winners and nominees will be exhibited for several weeks at Osnabruck's Museum of Cultural History. The Felix Schoeller Photo Award has established itself as one of the most highly rated photographic prizes in the German-speaking world. Entry rules and categories are described in detail at www.felix-schoeller-photoaward.com

Logos and image files for this press release are available for download in the press room of the award's website.

Please note: Image files for entries that were nominated for a prize or won in the Felix Schoeller Photo Award 2015 are also available. We will be happy to send you high-res image files for publication in connection with the Felix Schoeller Photo Award, along with any other information you might require about the award. *Publication only with photo credits!* Please email your enquiry to k.graef@graefadvertising.com

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