

Press Release

Grand Prize Winners Announced at 2015 Sony World Photography Awards The World's Largest Photography Competition



L'Iris d'Or/Photographer of the Year – John Moore

- American photographer John Moore wins L'Iris d'Or/Photographer of the Year and US\$25,000 prize
- Armin Appel, Germany, wins Open Photographer of the Year and US\$5,000
- Elliott Erwitt honoured with Outstanding Contribution to Photography award
- Winning and shortlisted images to be shown at Somerset House, London 24 April to 10 May 2015
- 183,737 images were entered in total to the 2015 Sony World Photography Awards: 87,505 Professional entries; 79,264 Open entries, 6,675 Youth entries and 10,293 Mobile Phone entries

Hong Kong, April 24, 2015 – The Honorary Jury of the world's largest photography competition Sony World Photography Awards (SWPA) today named American photographer John Moore as the 2015 Sony World Photography Awards' L'Iris d'Or/Professional Photographer of the Year, amongst other awardees.

Chosen from the winners of the awards' thirteen professional categories, the winning work "Ebola Crisis Overwhelms Liberian Capital" is a hard-hitting series of images that cut to the heart of this human tragedy. Moore, a Senior Staff Photographer and Special Correspondent for Getty Images, and the winning photographs have been universally credited for the early exposure

of the scale of the Ebola epidemic in Monrovia, the capital of Liberia and the epicentre of the deadly disease.

The photographer was presented his award along with a US\$25,000 cash prize and the latest Sony digital imaging equipment at a gala ceremony held in London, attended by photography's industry leaders.

Now in its eighth year, the Sony World Photography Awards annually presents the world's best contemporary photography across a range of genres. The awards' international judging juries are comprised of esteemed industry experts and the competition offers incredible exposure, credibility and recognition not only to its winners, but also those on its shortlist. The 2015 awards attracted record-breaking entries, with 183,737 images submitted from 171 countries, confirming its position as the world's biggest photography competition.

Winners of the following awards were also announced:

- PROFESSIONAL CATEGORY WINNERS AND FINALISTS
- OPEN PHOTOGRAPHER OF THE YEAR
- OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION TO PHOTOGRAPHY – ELLIOTT ERWITT
- YOUTH PHOTOGRAPHER OF THE YEAR
- STUDENT PHOTOGRAPHER OF THE YEAR

The full announcement on all prize winners at 2015 Sony World Photography Awards can be found on the [WPO Website](#).

Exhibition and book

All the winning and shortlisted images will be exhibited at Somerset House, London from 24 April to 10 May 2015. The exhibition is accompanied by a book of the winning and selected shortlisted work. It is available to buy from www.worldphoto.org.

Quick links

- Winning images are available to download at press.worldphoto.org or Image.net
- Judges biographies: <http://bit.ly/1GZEZ0h>
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About World Photography Organisation (WPO)

WPO is a home where photography is celebrated and the art of the photographer is recognised. Working with professional, enthusiast and student photographers alike, the World Photography Organisation provides a global network across the photographic industry to not only to raise the level of conversation around the subject, but to increase awareness and appreciation of this artform. WPO hosts a year-round portfolio of industry and public events including: Sony World Photography Awards, the world's largest photography competition and accompanying global exhibition; the World Photography Student Focus Programme, inspiring and working with the next generation of photographers, and Photo Shanghai, Asia Pacific's premier art fair dedicated to photography. In addition, WPO has a thriving online presence via its website, Twitter, Facebook and Instagram and addresses the industry's latest issues in its monthly online publication, The Magazine. For more information please visit www.worldphoto.org.

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