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**WORLD PRESS PHOTO EXHIBITION 2018**

**Photography and Journalism**

**Opening**

**Saturday May 12th, 2018**

from 3.00 pm to 8.00 pm

**on view**

**May 13th – June 10th, 2018**

Open daily, 10.30 am – 7.30 pm

Wednesdays and Thursdays, 10.30 am – 9.00 pm

Adults 5 €

Students (6-26 years) 3 €

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### The Galleria Carla Sozzani presents in Milan the World Press Photo, one of the most significant award of photojournalism in the world, now in its 61st edition.

### The World Press Photo of the Year honors the photographer whose visual creativity and skills made a picture that captures or represents an event or issue of great journalistic importance in the last year (2017). This year, the winners of the 61st World Press Photo of the Year have been announced on April 12th 2018 at the World Press Photo Awards Show in Amsterdam.

### Ronaldo Schemidt with "Venezuela Crisis" took the picture of the year 2018 and won the first prize in the Spot News category. The image of the Venezuelan photographer from Agence France-Presse shows a burning boy who escapes during a protest demonstration against President Nicolás Maduro, in Caracas, in May 2017. The boy, hit after a bike explosion, survived by reporting first and second degree burns.

The awards are shared in eight categories, each divided into "single shots" and "stories":

*Contemporary Issue*, *Environment*, *General News*, *Long-Term Projects*, *Nature*, *People*, Sports and Spot News. Environment is the new category to be awarded this year.

In 2018, 42 photographers from 22 countries were selected.

The international jury, chaired by **Magdalena Herrera**, in charge of the photographic section of *Geo* magazine in France, examined 73,044 images taken and published in the previous year by 4,548 photographers from 125 countries.

This year five Italian photographers have been awarded: **Giulio Di Sturco** with *More Than a Woman* for the Contemporary Issue, 2° prize; **Luca Locatelli** with *Hunger Solutions* for the Environment section, 2° prize; **Francesco Pistilli**, with *Lives in Limbo*, for the General News category, 3° prize, **Alessio Mamo** with *Manal* for the People category, 2° prize and **Fausto Podavini** with *Omo Chang* for the category Long-Term Projects, 2° prize.

The international jury of the award changes at each edition: it is nominated by the WPP director Lars Boering and is composed of seven members who vote by secret ballot until a photograph gets six preferences, winning the prize. In addition to President Magdalena Herrera, the WPP 2018 jurors were: France Thomas Borberg, photo-editor of *Politiken*; Marcelo Brodsky, visual artist; Jérôme Huffer, photographic department of *Paris Match*; Whitney C. Johnson, deputy director of photography at *National Geographic*; Bulent Kiliç, photo director of AFP in Turkey;

Eman Mohammed, photojournalist.

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