A major event of the International Year was its World Photography Contest, Focus on a global food, sponsored by FAO and Nikon Europe. Entries were received from 90 countries around the world.
1st prize, Professional category:
Eitan Abramovich, Peru
from the photo essay, “Harvest of native potatoes”
2nd prize, Professional category:
Pablo Balbontin, Spain
from the photo essay, “The custodians of biodiversity”
3rd prize, Professional category: Viktor Drachev, Belarus
from the photo essay, “Belarus soldiers eat potatoes”
1st prize, Amateur category:
Xi Huang, China
from an untitled photo essay
2nd prize, Amateur category:
Dick Gerstmeijer, the Netherlands

“Digging up potatoes”
3rd prize, Amateur category:
Marlene Singh, the Philippines

“Bamboo boat”
World Photography Contest

Selection panel

NeBambi Lutaladio  IYP Executive Secretary (Chairman)
Manuel Antonio Alvarez Espinal  Permanent Representative of Peru to FAO
Lucy Conticello  Photo editor
Adrian Evans  Director, Panos Pictures
Steve McCurry  Photographer (Magnum Photos)
Andrea Sonnino  Senior Agricultural Research Officer, FAO
Maria Wood  Picture Editor, "Time", Asia edition
Francesco Zizola  Photographer (Noorimages)