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Belgium Wins at the Gourmand Awards

Belgium is a world power in food and wine books. On May 20, 2006 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, Belgium wins again, with two “Best in the World Gourmand Awards”.

The first award is for the magnificent book **Fine Chocolate – Great Experience** by **Jean Pierre Wybauw**, with photography by **Tony Le Duc**, published by Lannoo. This is an honour for Wybauw, a great professional who was named Chef of the Year by the Culinary Institute of America in 2002. It is the first time Belgium, one of the leaders in the chocolate world, received an award in this category.

Past winners have been:

2000	France – Christian Constant (Ramsay)
2001	US – Pierre Herme (Little Brown)
2002	France – Trish Deseine (Marabout)
2003	UK – Green and Black C. Jeremy (Kyle Cathie)
2004	France – Laurent Schott (Hachette)

Photographer **Tony Le Duc** and publisher Lannoo are honoured again this year as “Best in the World” for photography in the book **Poisson et Vin**, Fish and Wine, with creative combinations by Sergio Hermann “Best Chef in the Netherlands 2004” and Win Vandamme, Chef from Channel 16 and Text by Marc Declercq, who already won a Gourmand Award in 2003. Tony Le Duc has won several Gourmand Awards, the previous one bring for “La Base” in 2004. This is one of the first wine books for Tony Le Duc, with William Wouters, Best Belgian Sommelier for five years.

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Belgium wins a “Special Award of the Jury” with “Koken met Celie”, by Celie Dehaene, published by Standaard. In her book “Cooking with Celie”, the wife of the Belgian ex Premier Ministre Jean Luc Dehaene, Celine Dehaene shows her favourite hobby, cooking. Short stories, she presents everything she is used to cook, from traditional belgium, to American recipes.

Complete information on the Gourmand Awards will be published after May 20 in
The Gourmand Yearbook 2006.