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Cuba Wins at the Gourmand Awards

Cuba won for the first time a **Best in the World Gourmand Award for Food Professionals**, on May 20, 2006, in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. The winner is “**Mi Pasi3n Gourmet**”, by **Yamir Pelegrino Rodriguez**, published by Intergrafica in Cuba.

Yamir Pelegrino Rodriguez is President of the “Club Sommelier Cubano”, is the Director A+B of the Hotel Habana Libre Trip, Cadena Sol, Melia.

Past winners in the category Best in the World Gourmand Award for Food Professionals are:

1998	US – Wayne Gisslen (John Wiley)
1999	US – Culinary Institute of America
2000	US – Cia Knife Kit (John Wiley)
2001	US – Barbara Gibbs Ostmann, Jane Baker (John Wiley)
2002	Germany – Claudia Schmidt (Teubner – GU)
2003	UK – Caroline Waldegrave-Leith’s Cooking School (Bloomsbury)
2004	Italy – Heinz Beck (Bibliotheca Culinaria)

Chef Heinz Beck received his third Michelin star in 2006. He has authored the reference book on service in the restaurant, which all restaurant managers should read. Barbara Gibbs Ostmann has written the classic on how to write a recipe, which all cookbook authors should read.

If cookbooks take six months to eighteen months to write and publish, books for food professionals take usually at least three years to make. For Yamir Pelegrino Rodriguez, his book has taken all his life, his energy, and his heart.

All information and other awards results are available in the Gourmand Yearbook 2006.

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