

## Press Release (Art and Design)

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### International professionals gather on the C. HAFNER stand at Inhorgenta 2006

Inhorgenta 2006 saw a lively meeting of renowned international personalities from the jewellery sector who had accepted an invitation from the founder of the RRH International Scholarship, Dr. Ruth Reisert-Hafner, to attend a presentation of this year's winning items of jewellery.



The RRH International Scholarship enables promising young goldsmiths and jewellery designers to study abroad after completing their training.

Amongst the guests on the C.HAFNER stand at Inhorgenta were the Munich-based goldsmith Erico Nagai, winner of the Munich design award 2005,

Barbara Schmidt, jewellery design consultant (Design Management), also from Munich,

Professor Norman Cherry of the Birmingham Institute of Art and Design (BIAD), UK,

Andrezej Bielak, President of the Goldsmithing Artists' Association of Jewellery, Poland,

Doris Maninger and Lucia Massei, Directors of Alchimia, Florence, Italy, Giovanni Corvaja, jewellery artist from Todi, Italy, Julia Maria Pihlak, winner of the RRH Scholarship 2005 and

Claudia Rinneberg, goldsmith in Diessen (Bavaria) and

Dr. Christianne Weber-Stöber, Director of the Society for Goldsmith's Art in Hanau, who on behalf of the Society for Goldsmith's Art has actively supported the RRH Scholarship with invaluable input and advice since its inception in 2004.

Erico Nagai was a member of the jury of the 2005 competition which awarded the scholarship to Julia Maria Pihlak. Inhorgenta 2006 was an opportunity for Julia to present her winning items entitled "Flying Jewellery" to an enthusiastic and receptive audience. The directors of Alchimia were clearly proud of her as she described her current studies in Florence in glowing terms. Julia's enthusiasm for Florence and praise of the philosophy of Alchimia was echoed by former student, Claudia Rinneberg.

Barbara Schmidt and Giovanni Corvaja, together with Isabella Hund, will form this year's jury.

Andrezej Bielak helped establish links with the Wyższa Szkoła Sztuki i Projektowania (WSSiP) in Lodz, Poland, whose students will compete for the 2006 scholarship alongside students from the Birmingham Institute of Art and Design and participants from training institutions all over Germany.

The 2006 award will be presented to the winning candidate on 6 October 2006 in Pforzheim and the winning works will be exhibited at the newly rebuilt Pforzheim Jewellery Museum in October and at the German Goldsmiths' House in Hanau in November. Information about the RRH Scholarship can be obtained from the C.HAFNER website: [www.c-hafner.de](http://www.c-hafner.de)