

**PRESS RELEASE**

***RRH International Scholarship 2006:  
"Innovation in precious metals and other materials"***

***True to the company's watchword, "where jewellery begins", this year's presentation of the RRH International Scholarship for jewellery makers and designers took place on 6<sup>th</sup> October 2006 on the shop floor of C. HAFNER's precious metal factory in Pforzheim.***

The award ceremony for this prestigious and competitive scholarship initiated and organised by Dr. Ruth Reisert-Hafner and supported by the Society for Goldsmith's Art in Hanau (Gesellschaft für Goldschmiedekunst e. V.) was attended by the Lord Mayor of Pforzheim, Christel Augenstein, numerous professors and lecturers from jewellery and design schools in Germany and by Prof. Kadri Mälk from the Estonian Academy of Arts in Tallinn.

The scholarship entitles the winner to extend their experience by studying abroad for a period of six months, whilst commendations and prizes are also awarded to the two runners-up.

Following words of welcome by Mayor Augenstein, the attendees were treated to an illustrated talk by last year's winner, Julia Maria Pihlak (Künnap) from Estonia, who gave a vivid account of her experiences and impressions at the Alchimia Contemporary Jewellery School in Florence, where she had chosen to spend her scholarship semester.

It was pleasing to note that winners and entrants from the previous two years also took up the invitation to attend this year's ceremony and to share their experiences with the jewellery community.

This year, entries were open to students at colleges, academies and jewellery design schools in Germany and to those attending the School of Jewellery of the Birmingham Institute of Art and Design (BIAD) in Birmingham, UK and the Wyższa Szkoła Sztuki i Projektowania w Łodzi (WISSP) in Łódź, Poland.

The Jury, consisting of Giovanni Corvaja, jewellery artist from Todi, Italy, Isabella Hund, jewellery designer and gallery owner from Munich and Barbara Schmidt, jewellery design consultant, MA (Design Management), also from Munich, with Dr. Christianne Weber-Stöber of the Society for Goldsmiths' Art, Hanau (Gesellschaft für Goldschmiedekunst e. V.) acting as official recorder, decided in favour of Dörte Malorny from Braunschweig, a graduate of the University of Applied Sciences and Arts (HAWK), Hildesheim.

Two further entrants were selected by the jury for commendations and were rewarded with vouchers for semi-finished precious metal materials to the value € 500 each, donated by C. HAFNER.

Following the award ceremony, attendees crossed over to the nearby Pforzheim Jewellery Museum in order to view the other pieces selected by the jury. The event was rounded off by a social gathering in the museum café.

The winning entries and other selected pieces remain on display in the Jewellery Museum until the end of October and can be seen at the German Goldsmiths' House in Hanau from 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2006.

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Presentation (from left hand side):

Lord Mayor Christel Augenstein, Lilli Veers, Dörte Malorny, Ann Schmalwaßer, Dr. Ruth Reisert-Hafner



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From left hand side:

Dr. Christianne Weber-Stöber, Dörte Malorny, Dr. Ruth Reisert-Hafner



Winner Dörte Malorny



Reward Ann Schmalwaßer



Reward Lilli Veers