

## Press Release

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### **ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE NEW DOCUMENTARY AWARD „REMEMBRANCE AND FUTURE“ IN THE FRAMEWORK OF GOEAST FILM FESTIVAL**

The Foundation “Remembrance, Responsibility and Future“ and goEast are inviting entries for the new “Remembrance and Future” award, which is endowed with prize money of 10,000 euros and will be presented for the first time in the framework of the 2008 goEast festival. Future can be shaped by those who choose not to ignore the past. The award aims to honour directors who critically and constructively analyze social developments in their countries of origin, and thereby point out future-oriented perspectives.

The Foundation “Remembrance, Responsibility and Future“, based in Berlin, has a long-term mandate to support international projects that foster relations between Germany and those countries subjected to particular suffering under National Socialism and which promote cooperation in a spirit of partnership. The Foundation provides around EUR 8 million each year primarily for projects, that keep alive the memory of injustice and encourage young people to engage in a critical examination of history. Further it supports international initiatives for democracy and human rights, and fosters humanitarian assistance for the surviving victims of National Socialism.

For the Foundation the goEast Film Festival offers a vivid platform for international understanding. Both partners regard documentary film as a medium that achieves remarkable efforts in the analysis of society, thus being at the same time an impulse for development.

Eligible for submission are documentary films of a duration exceeding 30 minutes from the post-communist countries of Central, Eastern and Southeast Europe, including the former republics of the Soviet Union. Likewise eligible to compete are films produced in Germany or Israel but bearing a clear relation to Central and Eastern Europe, whether due to the origin of the director and/or the subject of the film. Six documentary films will be selected for screening at the goEast festival in Wiesbaden between 9 and 15 April 2008. At the cinema, directors personally present their competing films, and the evening film talks contribute to public discussions.

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