

## Press release

### **Hypo Real Estate Foundation: Architekturgalerie am Weißenhof e.V. receives Foundation Prize of EUR 10,000**

**Stuttgart/Munich, 22 November 2007:** This year's Foundation Prize of the Foundation for Arts and Science of Hypo Real Estate Bank International AG has been awarded to Architekturgalerie am Weißenhof e.V. The prize is endowed with EUR 10,000, and is awarded once a year. The foundation promotes – focussing on Baden-Württemberg - intellectual and artistic work primarily in the fields of literature, painting, sculpture, music, the theatre, architecture/design, regional and cultural studies and customs and traditions.

This year's prize winner, Architekturgalerie am Weißenhof e.V., has set itself the task of processing and presenting the development of contemporary architecture and municipal planning between technology, the visual arts and society in exhibitions, lectures and symposia. On the occasion of the award ceremony at an event held in the Gustav-Siegle-Haus in Stuttgart, **Dr. Max Gögler, Chairman of the Board of the Foundation**, praised the work of the gallery: "With more than 140 exhibitions, this institution, which comprises a small group of committed curators on a voluntary basis, has devoted itself to current trends in building culture as well as issues of more recent architecture history, and has brought them closer to specialists and the interested public in an aesthetic presentation and with critical reflection."

Architekturgalerie am Weißenhof e. V. was founded in 1982 by Stuttgart-based architects and the BDA Baden-Württemberg and, in the year of its 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary, is thus one of the oldest architecture galleries in Europe. Thanks to the funding provided by the members of the association, the BDA Baden-Württemberg, the Chamber of Architects in Baden-Württemberg as well as the City of Stuttgart, the Architekturgalerie is able to hold ambitious projects at a unique location in the Peter Behrens-Haus in the Weißenhof-Siedlung. It devotes itself particularly to the following: International trends, the architecture of the region, the subsequent architectonic effects of the "Werkbundsiedlung

am Weißenhof" as well as the dialog with neighbouring disciplines such as engineering construction, landscape architecture or the visual arts. Particular attention is also devoted to encouraging young talent. Since 1999, the Weißenhof Architecture Advancement Award has been offered every two years and awarded by an international jury. With the "open gallery" series, school classes have recently also been able to conceive and carry out an exhibition. The field of activities is extended by cooperations with high schools such as the Staatliche Akademie der bildenden Künste Stuttgart and the ETH Zürich or with cultural institutions such as the Akademie Schloss Solitude.

Today, on the day of the award ceremony, the gallery (Am Weißenhof 30, 70191 Stuttgart) is open between 14:00 hours and 19:00 hours with a current exhibition concerning the conversion of a Berlin Bunker into an art gallery. Further information under: [www.weissenhofgalerie.de](http://www.weissenhofgalerie.de).

#### **Concerning the Foundation for Arts and Science**

##### **The Foundation for Arts and Science of Hypo Real Estate Bank**

**International AG** was established in 1968 on the occasion of the 100 years existence of Württembergische Hypothekenbank AG – today Hypo Real Estate Bank International AG. Its task is to encourage intellectual and artistic work, particularly in literature, painting, sculpture, music, the theatre and customs and traditions. The foundation exclusively and directly pursues charitable purposes. It is thus part of the social commitment of the Hypo Real Estate Group. In addition to the Foundations for Arts and Science, the **Hypo Real Estate Foundation**, Munich, which operates throughout the country, also supports concerts, exhibitions and competitions. Every two years, this foundation awards a well-regarded architecture prize for exemplary commercial buildings. Last year, the prize was awarded for the eighth time, and has now been extended to include a prize for young talent.

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