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ECUMENICAL JURY AWARD

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This award consisting of CHF 5'000 is conferred jointly by two institutions of the churches working in development cooperation, *Fastenopfer* (catholic) and *Bread for All* (protestant), to the director whose film best reflects generally ethical and spiritual questions, especially questions of the meaning of life in the situation of men and women in Eastern Europe, Africa, Asia and Latin America, and stands for Human Dignity and Rights, Solidarity and lasting Development.

The Ecumenical Jury of the 29^e Fribourg International Film Festival with the members

Michèle Debidour, Dieulefit (France) – President
Rosemarie Fähndrich, Lucerne (Switzerland)
Peter Meier-Apolloni, Twann (Switzerland)
Bo Torp Pedersen, Copenhagen (Denmark)

awards its Prize to the film

Flapping in the Middle of Nowhere / Dap cánh giữa không trung
by Diep Hoang Nguyen, Vietnam, 2014

In a way that is both expressive and loaded with emotions, the film shows the daily struggles of a young couple, living in a poor environment and confronted with a pregnancy that was not planned. The efforts of the couple to rise above the limits of their environment are shown in a way that is realistic as well as poetic. The director emphasises the respect for life, the dignity of man and conveys a hope for the future.

Summary: When Huyen gets pregnant from her layabout boyfriend, it's clear that the 17-year-old college student does not want to keep the child. In order to raise money for an abortion, her transsexual friend arranges for her to get involved with a pregnancy fetishist. The charismatic man makes her head spin more and more while the baby grows in her belly beyond the due date.

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