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After 10 years in Europe, the Gourmand World Cookbook Awards came to Kuala Lumpur in Malaysia in May 2006. This year they went to Beijing on April 7, 2007.

India won a major award, the « Best Vegetarian Book in the World », with « Cooking at Home with Pedatha », by Mrs. Jiyasa Giri and Dr. Pratihba Jain. The photos are by Srivatsa Shandiya, the cover and design by En Visson. The recipes from the State of Andhra Pradesh are the legacy of S'Ubhadra Krishna Rau Parigi, the daughter of former President of India Dr. V. V. Giri. The book is published by Pritya Partners.

In 2002, India won « Best Vegetarian Cookbook in the World » with Asha Khatau and in 2005 with Rashmi Uday Singh. This year « Cooking at Home with Pedatha » is very special, with excellent text, world class photography, clever design, with a focus on local recipes.

Over the years, this Best in the World winners for vegetarian cookbooks have been for:

1997	US	Mollie Katzen (Hyperion)
2000	UK	Orlando Murrin (BBC Books)
2001	UK	Julia Ponsoby (Green Books)
2002	India	Asha Khatau (Zarka)
2003	Ireland	Denis Cotter (Atrium Press)
2004	Switzerland	Ralf Kabelitz (At Verlag)
2005	India	Rashmi Uday Singh (India Book House)
2006	India	Mrs. Jigyasa Giri and Dr. Pratihba Jain (Pritya Partners)

Vegetarian food is now accepted everywhere and has a big success worldwide. Just as most young people in the west will eat easily Indian or Chinese or Italian once or more every week, vegetarian is chosen as an option quite frequently. It is not so often a definitive spiritual or philosophical statement; it is accepted as part of the global food culture of mankind today.

More information can be found on www.cookbookfair.com and in the Gourmand Yearbook 2007 which was published for the Gourmand Awards in Beijing.

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