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2008 INTERNATIONAL RESTAURANT & HOTEL AWARDS

Late last autumn, the IRHAS had its star-studded gala at The Beverly Hilton in Los Angeles. It was hosted by Mark DeCarlo ("Taste of America," the Travel Channel). The International Restaurant and Hotel Awards are the most prestigious in the industry, giving global distinction and appreciation to those people and properties in the world of travel, dining, and cultural exploration. Highlights of the evening included a special spotlight on New Orleans after the Katrina hurricane disaster, with recognition of the work done by Cat Cora (Chefs for Humanity), Chef Paul Prudhomme, The Emeril Lagasse Foundation, and others in reviving this famous and ravaged city. Also awarded was Randall Marshall, director of "Bottle Shock," the movie. There was a tribute to

Robert Mondavi (with Christopher Barefoot, Estate Director of the Robert Mondavi Winery accepting). Other Award Honorees were Carlo Petrini of Slow Food (Food and Dining), Michael Palin (Travel), Philippe Starck (Design), The Cvitanovich Family & Drago's Seafood Restaurant (Humanitarian), and Costas Christ (Visionary). The Award for International Best Luxury Restaurant Award was given to Fearing's (Dallas). The Best Luxury Hotel was awarded to The Beach House at Manafaru Maldives-Male, Maldives. The Best of Travel and Dining on Radio from Around the World went to Arthur Van Wiesenberger (KZSBAM, Santa Barbara). The Best New Luxury Restaurant was given to Hotel Gastronomique De Echoput (The Netherlands), with Peter Klosse accepting.



Above: Host Mark DeCarlo and Yen Alvarez

Top left: "Achievement in Wine: In Memoriam for Robert Mondavi." Randall Miller, director of "Bottle Shock," with Christopher Barefoot of the Robert Mondavi Winery

Top right: Humanitarian Nominee Cat Cora of Chefs for Humanity



Above: Best of Travel & Dining on Radio winner Arthur von Wiesenberger, with presenter Anthony Dias Blue

Above: Peter Klosse of Hotel Gastronomique De Echoput (The Netherlands), winner of Best New Luxury Restaurant