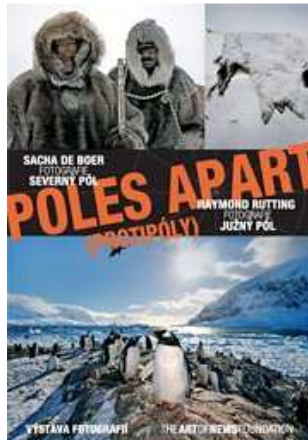


**The Dutch Embassy in Bratislava presents:
2.11.2011 at 17.00 hrs. in KC Dunaj (Nedbalova 3, Bratislava)**



A remote area exposed to extreme weather conditions, where temperatures drop to far below freezing and that is swept by strong winds, snow and ice places extra demands on photographers and their equipment. Photographers Raymond Rutting and Sacha de Boer each went on a journey to a polar region and shared their experiences. Rutting travelled to several locations in Antarctica. De Boer visited the village of Gjoa Haven in the far north of Canada, where she documented the effects of climate change.

The Poles Apart exhibition is the logical outcome of their journeys. Both highlight the variable circumstances on the poles, each in their own signature photographic style.

Rutting came back with images of penguins and tourists, where De Boer documented the daily life of the Inuit she stayed with.

Sacha de Boer is a freelance photographer and journalist. She has been showing her work at various exhibitions since 2005. She has a preference for working with natural light. Her impressions of the North Pole appeared in *National Geographic* and the book *Gjoa Haven*.

Raymond Rutting (1960) is a photographer with *the Volkskrant* daily newspaper. His photographs have appeared in a range of renowned newspapers and magazines. In 1997 and 2004 he was named Photojournalist of the Year. In 2005 he published a compilation of his work, *The Art of News*, which was followed by *Oog op Africa (Views of Africa)* in 2007.

BIOGAS UNITS KARNATAKA, INDIA

The exhibited photos will be auctioned. The proceeds will be used by ICCO partner Adats to install biogas units for poor families in one of the most underdeveloped areas in India, in the state of Karnataka in the Kolar district. Soon, some 18,000 families in the region will be able to cook their meals in a fully climate neutral way. The use of biogas installations helps to reduce carbon emissions and will make street pollution and unhealthy living conditions a thing of the past.

BOOK AND LECTURES

Rutting and De Boer will be giving a series of lectures, in which they share their photographic experiences in the polar region. In addition, a book entitled *Poles Apart* containing photos of the exhibition will be published shortly. The proceeds from the lectures and the sale of the book will also be put towards the installation of the biogas units.

More information to be found: www.theartofnews.com, www.kcdunaj.sk, www.raymondrutting.com

www.sachadeboer.nl, <https://www.facebook.com/the.dutch.embassy.bratislava>