



**2017**

# **4. ■ UNDERWATER PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST „WITHOUT BORDERS”**

## **COMPETITION RULES**

### **BASIC INFORMATION**

In the international category, there are two sub-categories, based on camera type, DSLR and Compact. Competitors can submit their photographs in either or both of the categories, with maximum of one photo per theme.

Theme in INTERNATIONAL CATEGORY:

- Wide angle underwater photography, with or without a model – seas and oceans
- Creative / fashion photography – pool, fresh water, seas and oceans
- Macro photography – seas and oceans
- Fresh water photography – lakes, rivers or streams (wide angle, macro, flora and fauna)
- PORTFOLIO MEDITERRANEAN SEA (3 photos DSLR or Compact)

Underwater photographers, who are citizens of Bosnia and Herzegovina, are eligible to participate in both International category and in a separate Bosnia and Herzegovina based category, which is further divided into two subcategories (portfolio and novice photographer), regardless of equipment used.

## BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA CATEGORY:

- Bosnia and Herzegovina portfolio (3 photos selected by photographer)
- Bosnia and Herzegovina novice-photographer (1 photo selected by photographer)

### **Application for “Underwater photo contest “WITHOUT BORDERS” is FREE.**

Contest is open from 20th March to 20th April 2017. Photographs received after the deadline will not be considered.

Photographs have to be submitted at [foto@diving-bosna.com.ba](mailto:foto@diving-bosna.com.ba) before 23:59 on 20th April 2017, with subject line “WITHOUT BORDERS 2017”

Your photographs have to be accompanied by the application form with all necessary information about the competitor (name, address, contact details, camera type/s – DSLR and/or compact).

The jury will select the finalists (ten per Theme) by **25th May 2017**.  
List of winners by Category and the Theme will be announced by **01st May 2017**.

Exhibition of 30 best photographs and announcement of winners will be held in Sarajevo, on **Saturday, 13th May 2017. at 19:00.**

After the jury has finished its deliberation, official results of the contest will be published on official Web and Facebook page of Ronilački klub Bosna at [www.diving-bosna.com.ba](http://www.diving-bosna.com.ba) and [www.facebook.com/RonilackiKlubBosna](http://www.facebook.com/RonilackiKlubBosna)

## **RESULTS OF THE JURY ARE FINAL!**

### **RULES**

1. Contest is open for underwater photographers with digital cameras, either with separate or integrated housing, regardless of camera type.
2. Category Novice-photographer portfolio is open to citizens of Bosnia and Herzegovina, new underwater photographers who haven't previously won any prizes for their work (1, 2, 3 place) at any online or splash-in underwater photography competition in the world.
3. Submitted photographs have to be competitors own work.
4. Only photographs that have not previously won prizes at this or similar online competitions (1, 2,3 place or honorable mention) can be submitted.
5. Photographs can be colour or black and white.
6. Photographs have to be submitted in JPEG file format.
7. Competitor is allowed to participate in both DSLR and Compact category.
8. Competitor is allowed to submit one photo for each Theme.
9. Limited digital post processing is allowed in photo editing software such as Photoshop, but only to correct levels, curves, saturation, colour, contrast or to clean out parts of the photo using cloning tools. Use of masks is not allowed. Also not allowed is the addition of copyright info (signature), digital double exposure, or overlaying of 2 or more photographs. Use of Crop tool is allowed up to 20%.
10. Lowest allowed resolution is 300 dpi, and smallest allowed image size is 10 x 15 cm.

**11.** Competitor has to retain the original, unchanged photo, (if possible in RAW format) which in case of doubt the organizer may request, and competitor has to provide.

**12.** All photographs have to have readable EXIF data (Exchangeable Image File Format) which has to include the camera type and model, and settings used. In the EXIF file may not be visible name of the author of the photo. Otherwise, photo will be disqualified.

**13.** All submitted photographs have to be taken underwater in natural environment. Half-and-half air/water photographs are allowed, but the underwater part has to be at least 50% of the photograph.

**14.** Photographs that are not in line with the rules listed will be disqualified.

**15.** Photographers retain the copyright over their photographs.

**16.** Competition organizer, Dive club Bosna, Sarajevo, retains the right to publish submitted photographs in printed media or web channels, with name of the author, in order to promote this competition and similar competitions in the future.

## **PRIZES**

Organiser will award medals, diplomas and prizes (1,2,3 place) in each category (DSLR and compact) for each Theme, as well as for the first three places in overall ranking in each category (DSLR and compact) in international and B&H competition, as well for the "Best of Show" photo. The Sponsors prize fund will be distribute depending on the size of the prize fund, and competitor winning position.

## **INTERNATIONAL SELECTION**

### **DSLR**

Wide angle 1,2,3 place

Macro 1,2,3 place

Creative / fashion photography 1,2,3 place

Fresh water 1,2,3 place

### **Compact**

Wide angle 1,2,3 place

Macro 1,2,3 place

Creative / fashion photography 1,2,3 place

Fresh water 1,2,3 place

Overall: an international selection of DSLR 1,2,3 place

Overall: an international selection Compact 1,2,3 place

PORTFOLIO - Mediterranean 1,2,3 place

## **BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA SELECTION**

BH Photo portfolio 1,2,3 place

Novice-photographer portfolio 1,2,3 place

Competition winners will be informed of results via e-mail, and their names and winning photographs will be announced on official Web and Facebook pages of the organiser.

If the author is not able to attend the exhibition opening and winner announcement, prizes will be available for collection in the 60 days following the exhibition, or in agreement with the author may be submitted in any other way, **ONLY ON THE COST OF AUTHORS.**

For any questions, please contact us at [foto@diving-bosna.com.ba](mailto:foto@diving-bosna.com.ba) or [info@divingbosna.com.ba](mailto:info@divingbosna.com.ba).

## **JURY**

Jury has seven members who will be assessing the photographs after the closing of application period. Jury decision is final, and complaints regarding their decision will not be considered.

Jury members are:

**Imran Ahmad**, Nikon Professional Photographer and Film Lecturer, Singapur

**Ivana Orlović Kranjc** – Underwater photographer, Serbia

**Goran Butajla** – Underwater photographer i Chief Editor SCUBAlife's, Croatia

**Branislav Danevski** – Underwater photographer, Croatia

**Dinno Kasalo** - Photographer, Director and Producer Bosnia and Herzegovina TV

**Adnan Drnda** – Underwater photographer, Bosnia and Herzegovina

**Samir Solaković** – Underwater photographer, Bosnia and Herzegovina