

# Photo Competition "DANUBE"



DEF – the Danube Environmental Forum invites all photographers, amateurs and professionals, from the Danube River Basin to enter the Photography Competition "Danube". The purpose of the competition is to present images of nature, culture and threats that characterize the Danube River Basin (DRB). The photographs will be judged on their technical, artistic and aesthetic merits, and DEF looks forward to receiving photographs depicting all aspects of Danube River Basin.

## Competition Categories

### Category 1: People and water

Photos will depict people engaging in certain cultural, recreational or leisurely activities related to water.



### Category 2: Problems

Photos will depict any problems connected with water in the Danube River Basin. (e.g. draught, flood, waste water, garbage/pollution, etc.)

### Category 3: Nature

Photos will depict natural habitats and nature in general of the Danube River Basin using water as an important focal point.

**Subcategory 1: Plants** (native plants)

**Subcategory 2: Animals** (native animals)



**When submitting photos, please indicate the category and/or subcategories for which it should be considered!**

## Prizes

For each category, 3 monetary prizes will be awarded. First Place will receive 200 Euros, Second Place will receive 150 Euros and Third Place will receive 50 Euros. The Nature subcategories will award one winner each with a prize of 100 Euros.

Your photo will be considered for any prize pertaining to the category or subcategory to which you submitted. One person, however, will not be eligible to win both a Nature Category prize and also one of the subcategory prizes. The goal of having these subcategories is to recognize other good quality photographs that were not among the top three in the overall category.

## Competition Rules

**Eligibility** – The competition is open to anyone who is a resident of one of the 13 Danube River Basin countries (Austria, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, the Czech Republic, Germany, Hungary, Moldova, Romania, Serbia and Montenegro, Slovakia, Slovenia, the Ukraine).

Those involved in the organization of this competition, employees of DEF, and of the ICPDR are not eligible to compete.

**Photo Qualification** – All photos submitted to the competition should have been taken strictly in the Danube River Basin. Photos of domestic animals such as dogs, cats, farm animals etc., or of cultivated plants will be disqualified. Photos of animals in captivity or any representation of nature under unnatural settings will not be taken into account, and, finally, if cruel or unethical practices are suspected, photos will be disqualified automatically.

Remember that "water" is an important theme so read over the category descriptions to make sure your photo qualifies for entry!

**Judging** – There will be a panel of five judges, whose decisions are final. The organisers of this competition will appoint the panel of judges. DEF reserves the right not to award a prize if, in the opinion of the judges, the entries in any particular category are too few to constitute a proper competition.

**Loss, Damage & Insurance** – Every care will be taken to ensure the protection of the entries, but DEF cannot take responsibility for any damage or loss. The organisers will not be insuring the photographs and therefore in the event that a participant wishes to insure their photograph, they should make their own arrangements.

**Copyright & Reproduction** – The copyright of all entries will remain with the authors. DEF reserves the right to reproduce, without payment, any entries in the “Danube” competition and to use them for advertising next year’s event. No other rights will be conceded to sponsors or other parties without the permission of the authors.

## How to Enter

### Format

Entries must be colour transparencies (slides, not prints) or digital camera images, taken within the two years immediately prior to the competition deadline. Please supply digital images on a CD that is PC compatible. Each image must be provided in two formats: the RAW file as captured in the camera and the processed TIFF or JPEG file. Digital manipulation is not allowed. The file size should enable large high quality reproduction (300 dpi) and no allowances will be made for the visible effects of compression or extrapolation.

Digital images must be unmanipulated and submitted on compact disc. Please do not send slides in glass mounts, as these can break in the mail. Please submit originals where possible; any duplicates should be of the same format as the originals (note: no allowances will be made for poor quality duplicates).

### Labelling

The picture orientation must be indicated by a large red dot on the front in the bottom left corner.

Please include a title (maximum 10 characters long) for each photo submitted. It should be visible on the slide mount of each transparency. Up to five colour transparencies, mounted as slides or as digital images on CD may be entered into each category.

On a separate piece of paper, each photo must include: the title, a description of the photo, the name of any plants or animals in both English and Latin, and, finally, the time and place the photo was taken. Please also include your name, address and the category for which your photo should be considered. This should all be put into an envelope and mailed to the address listed below.

## Closing date

Entries must be sent to the competition office (DEF Secretariat, Rytiarska 2, 841 10 Bratislava, Slovak Republic, Tel: +421 2 654 561 13, Fax: +421 2 657 300 50, E-mail: [def@changenet.sk](mailto:def@changenet.sk)).

**The deadline is 15:00 May 15<sup>th</sup> 2005.**

## Notification

Winners will be notified in June 2005 and will be invited for the opening of the exhibition during the celebration of the Danube Day in 2005.

## Return of entries

Entries will NOT be returned, however, they will be available for 6 months to be picked up at the DEF Secretariat.

