

Photographic Alliance of America (PAA)

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The World in 2020 Award Ceremony Poster

FIAP Held “The World in 2020” Competition

The International Federation of Photographic Art (FIAP) held an international photography competition “The World in 2020” that was open to all photographers, had no entry fee, and was for photos taken during the year 2020. This competition was organized under FIAP Patronage in Luxembourg which meant that the acceptances and the medals can be used when applying for FIAP distinctions.

“The World in 2020” Awards Ceremony

On Saturday, April 24, 2021, the FIAP Photo Academy Online Events held the Awards Ceremony for “The World in 2020.” FIAP President, **Riccardo Busi, QPSA**, greeted those attending, described the competition, and introduced Romain Nero, FIAP Patronage Director and the FIAP Liaison Officer for Luxembourg.

Romain presented a PowerPoint program beginning with the ten images receiving Awards from the Luxembourg

Federation of Photographic Art (FLPA), beginning with the HMs and ending with the Gold Medal. Then he showed the ten images receiving FIAP Awards, beginning with the HMs and ending with the Gold Medal. Romain concluded the presentation with the images by the Best Author, the photographer who had the most acceptances in the competition, and the recipient of the FIAP Blue Pin. **Ergun Karadag, AFIAP**, of Sanliurfa, Turkey, received the FIAP Blue Pin and he described his work as an emergency service doctor and shared why, at this very painful and difficult period, it is important to document photographically the effects of Covid-19 to remind the whole world what actually happened and how significant an issue it has been. Ergun was also awarded attendance at the next FIAP Congress.

“The World in 2020” Results and Video

There were 1,487 entrants (authors), from 81 countries, who submitted 5,618 images to be judged. Members of the FIAP Board served as the judges and selected 395 images (7%) by 293 authors (19%) from 47 countries (58%) to be accepted (admitted) for “The World in 2020.”

The results of “The World in 2020” competition are linked from the PAA website at: <https://psa-photo.org/index.php?home-2>. Additionally, a video showing the top twenty images, those that received Awards, is available on the FIAP YouTube Channel at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ha3KPr1bg1s>

Two 2021 FIAP Competitions

Ioannis Lykouris, FIAP Secretary General, closed the Award Ceremony by

announcing that there will be two FIAP Patronage competitions held in 2021. Neither competition will have a fee. The first will be for images of UNESCO sites around the world, and the second will be for Wildlife images



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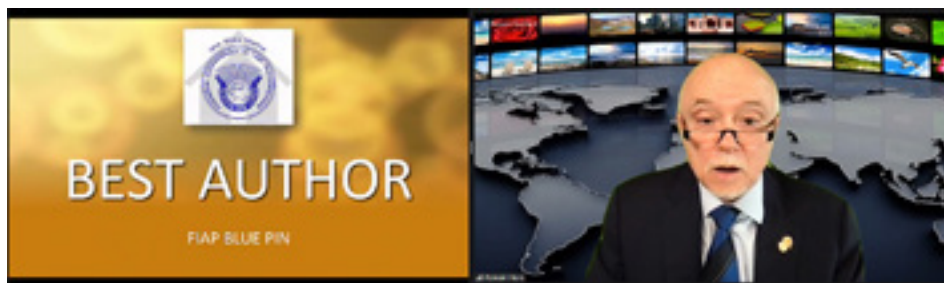
Son Yolculuk (Final Journey) © Ergun Karadag, AFIAP



Yok Olus (Extinction) © Ergun Karadag, AFIAP



Taburcu (Discharged from Hospital) © Ergun Karadag, AFIAP



Romain Nero Announcing The World in 2020 Best Author