

# European Nature Photographer of the Year 2002 – Rules and Information for Photographers

## Join GDT...

for this year's „European Nature Photographer of the Year“!

After the successful start in 2001, the Gesellschaft Deutscher Tierfotografen e.V. (GDT) invites amateurs and professionals from all over Europe to send their best pictures for a new and outstanding showcase of how European Nature Photographers see the natural world!

The competition aims to highlight the excellent quality achieved by European Nature Photographers and wants to support the innovative and distinct style they use to focus on the living things around us.

The photographs entered in this competition shall contribute to the European idea of protecting wildlife and habitat and will hopefully evoke responsibility and understanding in the public.

Winners and commended photographs will receive prizes for more than Euro 8.000.- The „European Nature Photographer of the Year“ will receive a prize worth Euro 2.000.-

Award winning photographs will be presented to the public in an exhibition opening its doors at the “Internationales Naturfoto-Festival” in Lünen / Germany in October 2002. After that the exhibition will tour through various museums and exhibition centers. The prize giving ceremony will be held on Saturday, 5th October 2002 in the Hilpert Theater in Lünen.

The GDT is most grateful for the sponsoring and support received for this competition!

Jury members:

Ruth Eichhorn (picture editor GEO) \* Jan Vermeer (Wildlife Photographer, The Netherlands) \* Markus Botzek (Wildlife Photographer, President of GDT) \* Winfried Wisniewski (Wildlife Photographer, GDT)

\* Hans-Günter Rudas (Wildlife Photographer, GDT) jury subject to changes

The jury will meet within 14 days after the closing date in order to designate winning and commended images. The judges maintain the right not to award prizes should one or more categories lack the required quality. The decisions of the jury and the organisers are final and no correspondence will be entered into concerning the competition's judging.

## Competition Rules...

- (1) The organiser of the competition „European Nature Photographer of the Year“ is the Gesellschaft Deutscher Tierfotografen e.V. (GDT). The competition is open for European photographers living in Europe, GDT-members worldwide, except for members of the GDT board and the jury.
- (2) Only non-glass-mounted slides are eligible with formats 24x35mm to 9x12cm, as well as panoramic slides of 6x17cm / 18cm. Young Photographer: Non-glass-mounted slides (see above) and prints of high quality with formats 13x18cm to 20x30cm. All pictures have to be taken within the past five years prior to the closing date.
- (3) Sandwich-photographs and digitally altered or manipulated images are not eligible. Please, submit originals where possible!
- (4) A picture that has won a prize in another competition - club-competitions excluded - (minimum of 500 entered pictures), is not eligible for this competition. This is also true for similar frames of the awarded picture(s).
- (5) Up to 5 (five) pictures may be entered in a single category (no. 1-7) with a maximum of 15 pictures for all categories 1-7. Entries for category no. 8 (story) have to be exactly 6 (six) pictures. Adults may enter a total of 21 pictures in this competition (15 + 6). None of the pictures may be entered in more than one category. Young Photographers: a total of 10 pictures may be entered. Pictures should feature natural subjects as mentioned for categories 1-7. No entries in category no. 8.
- (6) Pictures in categories 1-6 & 8, showing animals or plants that have been constraint in any way before / during / or after taking their photograph and pictures of animals in captivity, have to be marked on the frame of the slide with a big "C" (see also §7). If cruel or unethical practices are suspected in any entered photograph, it will be disqualified. Pictures showing domestic or farm animals and garden plants are not eligible. Photographs of endangered species that have been taken with permission of relevant national legislation have to be accompanied by such permits. Pictures of creatures entered in category no. 7 have to show free-ranging, threatened animals and plants, etc. from Europe. No "C"-pictures eligible!
- (7) The full name and address of the photographer and the title of the photograph has to be written on each frame. Frames have to be marked with a recognizable dot in the bottom left corner of the front side for orientation.
- (8) The organiser reserves the royalty-free right to free reproduction and exhibition of awarded images in all media, provided the connection to the promotion and publicity of this and following competitions. For merchandising purposes related to the competition the organisers will pay reproduction fees to the photographers to their own discretion.
- (9) Photographers send their entries on their own risk. The organiser cannot accept liability for loss of or damage occurring to any picture entered in this competition. This also applies to the return of entries.
- (10) Entries will only be returned if they contain the following:  
- self-addressed envelope + return postage + entry fee + entry form
- (11) Entry fee for GDT members is EURO 5.-, non members Euro 10.-. Young Photographers: no fee! The fee can be enclosed as either cash (only EURO!) or International Reply Coupons (IRC: worth EURO 1,80) together with the return postage (EURO cash or IRC). **Please, take a look at the guidelines for the return of your pictures!**
- (12) The completed entry form has to be enclosed with your entry. Entries missing the entry form or entry fee will be sent back to the photographer immediately after the closing date.

## Categories...

- 1) Birds
- 2) Mammals
- 3) Other Animals
- 4) Plants
- 5) Landscapes

Entries in categories 1-5 should highlight the beauty and importance of wild animals, plants and landscapes. They can show anything from details to groups, portraits or overviews, behaviour, dramatic action, underwater and terrestrial creatures, rare species or common ones, wild habitats or ecosystems.

Abstract and innovative approaches to the subject are welcome!

### 6) Of Nature & Man

Photos should illustrate the positive/negative impact of man on nature.

### 7) Threatened Nature in Europe

Pristine and endangered habitats conveying a feeling of wilderness, pictures from European National Parks and Nature / Biosphere Reserves and threatened European species taken in the wild in Europe.

### 8) Story

Photos telling a story about a special topic (e.g. single species, habitat, behaviour, our relation to nature, a special photographic approach to a topic, a wildlife / plant / landscape story, etc.).

### Young Photographers:

Open to young photographers aged 16 years and under; topics as mentioned for categories 1-7, up to 10 pictures may be submitted in total, no pictures can be entered in category no. 8) "story".

You must state your date of birth in the entry form and the form must be signed by one of your parents or a guardian.

## Send your entries to...

GDT-Fotowettbewerb, Dieter Damschen  
Klotenstr. 311, D-47475 Kamp-Lintfort Germany

Closing date is Tuesday, June 11th!

Entries reaching the above mentioned address after the closing date will not be opened and entered to the competition!

Did you enclose the following?

- ✓ postage for the return of your pictures in EURO or International Reply Coupons (IRC) + self-addressed envelope
- ✓ your completed entry form
- ✓ your entry fee (only EURO accepted!)
- ✓ break-resistant containers / wrapping for transportation, no glass-mounted slides

Please send requests via email or fax (we apologize for not being able to answer questions on the phone):

email: gdt.gs@t-online.de fax: +49 (0) 451 – 502 80 45

### Return of entries...

Please check with the table below to clarify how you want your pictures to be returned to you and enter the relevant letter (A-F) in the checkbox on your entry form. Don't forget to enclose the relevant amount in Euro or International Reply Coupons (IRC) for the return of your pictures. Entries without any letter in the checkbox will be returned in relation to the money / IRC enclosed.

If you want your pictures to be returned by packet (D), all relevant forms for customs and address forms have to be enclosed together with the money / IRC for return postage.

Postage to within Europe from Germany

A) Letter up to 250g	4,50 Euro
B) Letter up to 500g	6,50 Euro
C) Letter up to 1000g	10,50 Euro
D) Packet (insured for 500 Euro)	15.-Euro* / 24.- Euro
E) Registered mail	postage for letter (A / B / C) + 2,00 Euro
F) Registered mail „A remette en main...“	postage for letter (A / B / C) + 4,00 Euro

\*within EC-countries + Poland, Switzerland, Slovakia, Tschechia

If you want to send your pictures by courier, please get in touch with us in advance!

The organisers will take utmost care, when handling your entries. Nevertheless, all entries are sent at the photographer's own risk and the organisers cannot accept liability for any loss of or damage occurring to any pictures entered in the competition (howsoever caused) nor for any other loss or damage resulting therefrom.