

IMS Photo Contest 2017 – Winners

Winner Mountain Photo of the Year	Sergio Tapiro Velasco (MEX)
Winner Team Spirit	Sebastian Wahlhuetter (AUT)
Winner Mountain Nature	Jona Salcher (ITA)
Winner Mountain Action	Patrick Steiner (AUT)
Winner Mountain Faces	Anton Yankovyi (UKR)
Winner Mountain Water	Maurizio Casula (ITA)
Winner Mountain Mobile	Christine Trebo (ITA)

Winner Mountain Photo of the Year / Sergio Tapiro Velasco

Title: Light belongs to Heaven

Story: One volcano lightning irradiates from the ashcloud to the sky. On January 26th, 2017, Colima Volcano in Mexico ended its last eruptive episode with this big explosion. I was 7 miles close to the crater and the sky was clear. I heard a big boom and then a jet-like noise. Hot lava rockfalls flyed away; from the ashcloud merged one lightning created by ash particles friction. It was a glorious moment, not a composite. Technically, capturing volcano eruptions with 3" shutter speed is very risky.

Mountain: Colima Volcano

State: Colima

Country: México



Winner Team Spirit / Sebastian Wahlhuetter

Title: Prayer Flag

Story: Tibetan prayer flags promote peace, compassion, strength, and wisdom and are found on mountain tops far beyond the Himalayas. The Tibetans believe the mantras will be blown by the wind to spread the good will and compassion into all pervading space. Therefore, prayer flags are thought to bring benefit to all and they are often hung into high places where the wind can easily reach them. Traditionally, prayer flags follow a strict color order in sets of five, each resembling an element: blue (sky, space), white (air, wind), red (fire), green (water), yellow (earth). According to the Tibetans, the balance of this five colors produces health and harmony. In our project we created a human prayer flag following the original idea of creating harmony as a tribute to mountain sports. The project was realized together with the effort of the Vienna Slackliners. To make this possible we designed a special and enforced set up that could cope with the weight of all the athletes involved.

Mountain: Peilstein
State: Lower Austria
Country: Austria



Winner Mountain Nature / Jona Salcher

Title: Far Away

Story: I was with friends at the Seceda. There was fog everywhere and we almost couldn't see the path. When we reached the summit, the fog lifted and we witnessed a spectacle of nature. I was thrilled. While my girlfriend enjoyed the view I took this photo of her.

Mountain: Seceda, Geisler Spitzen, Dolomiten

State: South Tyrol

Country: Italy



Winner Mountain Action / Patrick Steiner

Title: Into the sky

Story: On that day we went on the mountain with lots of different photo ideas. Building a jump and waiting for sunset to get some photos was one of those ideas. When it was close to sunset and the fog was coming in we knew that this was the time to get the photo.

Mountain: Arlberg

State: Austria

Country: Austria



Winner Mountain Water / Maurizio Casula

Title of the image: Stockness Night

Story: I took this photo on my first trip to Iceland, and I felt a sense of peace that no other place visited by me transmitted to me. The aurora was weak, but the moon reflected the mountain, creating a perfect reflection of all that was happening. I took more photos to get the overview.

Mountain: Klifatindur

State: Iceland

Country: Austurland



Winner Mountain Mobile / Christine Trebo

Title: A gentle mouth to rest within

Story: Exams. Diploma thesis. Pressure of time. On a cool autumn day, my friends Marina, Sara and me decided to escape from this university-stress. We went to the "Gran Cir" in the Dolomites. Before reaching the mountaintop, we had a short rest. The atmosphere we found there overwhelmed us: a cool and clear view and a breath-taking play of colours coated in silence. In the mountains „mouth" we found the awaited relaxation.

Mountain: " Gran Cir " - Dolomites

State: Italy

Country: Italy



Winner Mountain Faces / Anton Yankovyi

Title: Wind-hardened

Story: I met these ethnic Tibetan boys in their native village on 2,380 m altitude in Manaslu area (Nepal). You may not find in the whole world such an independent and self-confident children like those in Himalayas who live such a simple natural life. While parents are busy working at their farms, these kids empirically study the world around them. In such a harsh environment for children from the first years they have to become self-sufficient. They do not have the slightest knowledge of the achievements of the industrial civilization, but it doesn't prevent them from becoming strong, harmonious, happy and whole people. This photo is included in the "Wind-hardened" series, about children captured in the small Himalayan village called Prok in Manaslu region, Nepal.

Mountain: Manaslu restricted area

State: Prok village (2,380 m)

Country: Nepal



IMS Photo Contest 2017 – 2nd Places

2nd place Mountain Nature	Michele Cimini	(ITA)
2nd place Mountain Water	Dario Fernando Marelli	(ITA)
2nd place Mountain Action	Stefan Schlumpf	(CHE)
2nd place Mountain Faces	Roland Reinstadler	(ITA)
2nd place Team Spirit	Mauro Gambicorti	(ITA)
2nd place Mountain Mobile	Carlos Noriega	(ECU)

2nd Place Mountain Nature / Michele Cimini

Title: Three Peaks

Story: This photo was taken from a cave excavated by World War I soldiers. The towering mountains are the three peaks of Lavaredo.

Mountain: Dolomites

State: italy

Country: italy



2nd Mountain Water / Dario Fernando Marelli

Title: IMS_DM_Q2A1678_1

Story: Scozia, Glencoe area of the Scottish Highlands all the conditions for a beautiful day; cold, snow, fog, silence and light enough to make it a memorable day

Mountain: Glencoe, Scottish Highlands

State: United Kingdom

Country: Scotland



Dario Fernando Marelli

Italy

2nd Mountain Action / Stefan Schlumpf

Title: Highline

Story: Stephan Siegrist walks this special highline at this UNESCO WORLD HERITAGE rock hole, Martinsloch

Mountain: Martinsloch

State: Graubünden

Country: Switzerland



2nd Team Spirit / Mauro Gambicorti

Title: Cowherds and Cows on Their Climb to Krimmler Tauern

Story: This picture is the essence of true team spirit in the mountains. Only by dividing their work and duties (three herders in front, digging out their path in shoveling the snow to the side and more herders in the back watching out for the cows), they can endure the energy-sapping climb over the Krimmler Tauern saddle to their mountain **pastures**.

Mountain: Krimmler Tauern (btw. Schüttalkopf and Tauernkogel)

State: Italy

Country: South Tyrol



2nd Mountain Faces / Roland Reinstadler

Title: Rosa

Story: Als ich vor fast genau 6 Jahren meine erste digitale Fotokamera für eine Reise kaufte hatte ich überhaupt keine Ahnung welche Richtung der Fotografie mich einmal interessieren würde. Schon bald stellte sich heraus dass ich ganz unbewusst immer wieder Menschen auf den verschiedensten Arten mit meiner Kamera festhielt. Vor ca. 3 Jahren habe ich angefangen charakterstarke Menschen in Südtirol zu fotografieren. Letztes Jahr fotografierte ich die 86 jährige Bäuerin Anna in Latzfons Südtirol. Die grösste Freude bei diesen Projekt bereitet mir dabei immer wieder wenn ich zu den Menschen zurückkomme um Ihnen eine Foto zu schenken. Etwas komplizierter war es dabei bei Anna. Ich brauchte sehr lange bis ich sie schließlich beim Kartenspielen wiederfand. Das lustige daran war dass sie mit sechs weiteren Jahrgangkollegen an einen Tisch saß. Dabei viel mir sofort ihre Freundin Rosa auf. Sofort fragte ich sie ob sie bereit wäre sich von mir fotografieren zu lassen. Ein paar Wochen später kam ich zurück um mit beiden einen Nachmittag zu verbringen. Wir fuhren zum Geburtsort von Rosa, einen Hof samt Kapelle unterhalb des Latzfonserkreuzes. Sie erzählten mir von Früher, von dem harten Leben in den Bergen und vom Glauben der Ihnen immer wieder halt gab. Dabei vermittelten beide vor allem eines Zufriedenheit. Zum Schluss hatte Rosa noch den Wunsch dass ich Ihr ein Foto vom renovierten Kirchlein in den Bergen bringen könnte. Sie schenkte es Ihrer schwerkranken Schwester die körperlich nicht mehr im Stande war an Ihren Geburtsort zurückzukommen um das renovierte Kirchlein zu sehen.... Bei unseren Treffen hatte Rosa immer wieder die Hände im Gesicht. Deshalb habe ich versucht diese Situation festzuhalten und gleichzeitig Ihre Zufriedenheit zum Ausdruck zu bringen.(natürliches Licht)

Mountain: Latzfonsen Berge

State: Italy

Country: Südtirol



2nd Mountain Mobile / Carlos Noriega

Title: Unidentified

Story: Pedro Guamán, member of the Lupaxi Centre Community in Chimborazo, looks at one of the sheep that died last Sunday, killed by an animal that could not be identified

Mountain: Lupaxi Centre

State: Chimborazo

Country: Ecuador

