

International Press Award - Competition 2016 (Euros 50,000)

1. Aim and topic

The IX edition of the international press award Mare Nostrum Awards, sponsored by the publication Grimaldi Magazine Mare Nostrum, aims to promote and increase the maritime trips in the Mediterranean, and in particular the knowledge of the Motorways of the Sea which represent a valid alternative to road transport as well as an excellent opportunity for a sustainable development of the Mediterranean countries.

The competing works shall therefore emphasize the advantages that these regular maritime links, served by modern, safe and fast ships, offer from an economic, tourist, social and environmental view, as well as their contribution in creating an area of exchanges and cooperation between the various shores of the Mediterranean.

2. Requirements to participate

Part-time reporters and professional journalists, as well as photographers, who have treated and published this topic **between September 15th 2015 and April 15th 2016** may take part to the Mare Nostrum Awards. Participation at this competition is open to all authors who reside in Italy, Spain, Greece, Tunisia and Morocco. They can present their works in Italian, English, Spanish, French, Catalan or Greek languages.

Awards will be assigned to press reports, documentaries or radio and television services, photographic reports, as well as economic-tourist report investigations, if satisfying the aims set up by the Award.

3. Media

All works admitted and taken into account will have to be published in the respective languages, in Italy, Spain, Greece, Tunisia and Morocco through the following means:

- national diffusion newspapers and magazines (including their online formats);
- national diffusion and online transport and tourist journals and magazines;
- press agencies;
- national and local radio and/or television broadcasting;
- photography magazines and exhibitions.

For young photographers, or those who need an exhibition space,a photographic exhibition in a prestigious location in Naples will be held in May 2016.

Photographers will then send their photos to the Award Organisation Secretary not later than 16 March 2016 (item 10). For the "social" channel, photographers can also participate to the Award with the publication of photos on social networks (instagram, twitter, facebook, pinterest, google +) with ashtag #MNAGrimaldiLines. The first ten most followed photographies on social networks by the 15th of April 2016, will be included in the exhibition, following the correct mode of participation according to point 4 of this announcement.

Photographers who want to participate to the exhibition should send the high-resolution shots both in digital format and printed on photographic paper with base between 30 and 50 cm, together with an accompanying signed letter (item 4) by 16 March 2016.

To the participants admitted to the exhibition after the final decision of the Jury of the Prize, the location, date and any other information needed will

be announced.

The participation to the exhibition automatically determines the participation to the Award.

4. Participation procedures

Participating to this Award is free but it is forbidden to employees or consultants of companies of the Grimaldi Group.

Participants must send their works with an accompanying signed letter to the Award Organisation Secretariat **by April 30th 2016** by e-mail in Word format to the mail address *mna@grimaldi.napoli.it* and by the traditional mail service.

Only for photographers who wish to participate to the selection for the exhibition in Naples, the deadline for the delivery of the photographic material is 16 March 2016. All the works sent will not be given back.

5. Participants hospitality

In order to get direct information and experiences useful to prepare their works, the authors interested in taking part to the **Mare Nostrum Awards** will be offered a round trip (to be performed by March 30th 2016) on one of the Grimaldi Lines or Minoan Lines ships operating between Italy, Spain and Greece.

For information on the above mentioned passenger services please click on: www.grimaldi-lines.com and www.minoan.gr.

6. Awards

The 50,000 euros jackpot is divided between five winners, according the final decision of the Jury.

7. Jury

The International Award Jury is made up by Folco Quilici, writer and film director, and important members of the culture and journalism world. **Secretary:** Luciano Bosso, journalist, Editor of Grimaldi Magazine Mare Nostrum.

The Jury's decisions are final and irrevocable and will be illustrated during the Award ceremony.

8. Award ceremony

The Award ceremony will be performed in summer 2016, at a date and place to be established, and the winners are engaged to be present or, in case of attested impossibility to take part, to send representative delegates to receive the Award.

All information required to take part to the ceremony will be communicated to the winners on due time.

9. Conditions

The Grimaldi Group reserves the right to publish the works of the winners. All competitors will therefore authorize the use and publication of the articles or reports sent or any part of them, but they have the right to be mentioned as authors.

10. Award organisation secretariat

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