AAC Photographic Competition 2020– Results Sheet

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your entries: without entries there is no competition. Judging the competition myself has given me a greater insight into the task performed by the judges in the previous 11 years that I have organised this competition.

Because of the reduction in photo opportunities because of COVID we allowed images to be taken over a three year period: this has unexpectedly resulted in a significantly higher entry than usual.

I have awarded more certificates this year in order to keep the proportion of awards similar to previous years.

I thought that the standard of photography, particularly in the General Section, was very good: there were many good images that just missed the cut for an award.

Please check that the picture titles and your names are correctly spelt: this is how they will appear in the Newsletter, the Website and on your certificates.

Phil Nixon ARPS
Judge & Photo Competition Organiser

Summary of Entry

There were 45 entrants of which 29 were declared first time entrants. The distribution is as follows with last year's totals in brackets.

Categories		Media Types
General	124 (90)	Digital Files 210
Nature	57 (35)	Paper Entries 2
Sketch	12 (7)	
Typical Austria	18 (10)	
Total	212 (142)	212

The Awards

General Category

Award winners:

- General Category Winner Balance Santiago Jiménez
- Best Portrait/People Image Two Smokers Andrey Golovachev
- Best Mountain Landscape/Wild Country Image Paul Winder on the NNW Ridge of the Weisshorn, Switzerland Nick Hurndall Smith

Highly Commended Certificates:

- Eiger Reflection_Lauberhorn, Wengen, Switzerland John Hardwick
- Vertigo Julia Jiménez
- Nick King on Liskamm, Alps Derek Buckle
- Starred Hotel Pablo Jiménez

Commended Certificates

- Black Nore Point Peter Anderson
- Camel Train, Erg Chebbi Malcolm Imhoff
- Crux move Trod Pip, Borrowdale Peter Anderson
- Chombu, Sikkim Nick Hurndall Smith
- Jeremy leading us Home Nick Shearer
- Theatre of Silence Andrey Golovachev
- Shaqsha Descent, Cordillera Blanca Peru Nick Hurndall Smith
- Casual High Altitude Bouldering Julia Jiménez

Nature Category

Award winners:

- Winner Waxwing Peter Anderson
- Runner Up Ice Floes Stephen Gibbs

Highly Commended

• Hydrophobic Iris Latifolia -Santiago Jiménez

Commended Certificates

- Pyrenean Iris Andy Smith
- Marmot Julia Jiménez
- Yin and Yang Andrey Golovachev
- New Generation, Endangered Tatra Chamois Pawel Roczniak

Typical Austria Category

Award Winners

- Winner Hat Shop Window, Salzburg John Hardwick
- Runner Up Cows at Steiner Hochalm, Adlerweg Elizabeth Moore

Commended Certificate

• Fortress Hohersalzberg – John Hardwick

The Sketch Competition

Award winners:

- Winner Snowgums Recovering From Bushfire Mt Cope Alasdair Macdonald
- Runner Up Climbers Memorial Chapel, Dachstein Pamela Long

The Overall Winner

Balance – Santiago Jiménez

First Time Entrants

Award winners:

- First Time Entrant Winner Best Mountain Landscape/Wild Country Image -Paul Winder on the NNW Ridge of the Weisshorn, Switzerland – Nick Hurndall Smith
- First Time Entrant Runner Up Two Smokers Andrey Golovachev

Highly Commended Certificate

• Ice Floes - Stephen Gibbs

First Time Entrant Commended

• Jeremy leading us Home - Nick Shearer