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EXHIBITION CALENDAR

submission deadline: May 1st, 2025

judging: until May 25th, 2025

notification of jury results: June 5th, 2025

screening of accepted works: June 21st, 2025

printed exhibition: 21st June 2025 - 29th June 2025

sending awards and PDF catalogue: by August 31st, 2025

CATEGORIES

category A: Labour - colour

category B: Labour - black and white



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We are honored to welcome you to the opening of the international photography exhibition Kamerate, held under the patronage of FIAP (The International Federation of Photographic Art) and FZS (Photographic Association of Slovenia). The exhibition is the result of a carefully conducted jury process carried out here in Hrastnik by three jurors. With consensus, thoughtful deliberation, and mutual coordination, we selected a set of photographs for awards and acceptances – works that reflect not only technical excellence but also sensitivity to the moment, narrative, and expression.

Following the organizers' guidelines, we excluded photographs that had already been accepted or awarded in last year's edition, as the aim is to present fresh and previously unpublished interpretations of the theme each year.

This year's theme – labour – may seem narrow at first glance, but it did not limit the creativity of the authors. On the contrary, we received a wide and diverse range of photographs that uniquely illuminate work, the worker, their environment, and their sense of belonging. From documentary approaches to artistic interpretations, the selection showcases a rich variety of perspectives and messages.

Thus, on Sunday, June 1st, in the Delavski dom Hrastnik, we opened a space for dialogue between light and shadow, between reality and imagination. We invite you to view the exhibition with open eyes and open hearts—just as we evaluated it. Let each photograph speak to you in its own way.

Congratulations to the award winners, and best wishes to all accepted authors going forward.

Jani Novak

JURY PRESIDENT



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CATEGORY A: LABOUR - COLOUR

AWARDED PHOTOS



award: FIAP gold medal

title: Old Fashioned Mowing

author: Anton Tratnik

country: Slovenia



award: FIAP silver medal

title: Painting

author: Marcel van Balken

country: Netherlands



award: FIAP bronze medal

title: Aluminium Factory

author: Laurent Nilles

country: Luxembourg

CATEGORY A: LABOUR - COLOUR

AWARDED PHOTOS



award: FZS gold medal

title: Guardian

author: Zoltan Bisak

country: Serbia



award: FZS silver medal

title: Bricks on the Head

author: Jui Shang Chiu

country: Taiwan



award: FZS bronze medal

title: Intervention

author: Simon Krejan

country: Slovenia

CATEGORY A: LABOUR - COLOUR

AWARDED PHOTOS



award: FIAP honourable mention

title: Construction Site Guard

author: Jure Kravanja

country: Slovenia



award: FIAP honourable mention

title: Construction

author: Matej Peljhan

country: Slovenia



award: FIAP honourable mention

title: A Good Year 2

author: Andreja Ravnak

country: Slovenia

CATEGORY A: LABOUR - COLOUR

ACCEPTED PHOTOS

Author	Country	Title
Marcel van Balken	Netherlands	Forge 1
Zoltan Bisak	Serbia	Barber
		Farmer at Work
Nenad Borojević	Serbia	To Collect
Gottfried Catania	Malta	Mask Makers
		Stilt Fishermen Sri Lanka 1
		Umbrella Painter
Ling Jyi Chao	Taiwan	Blacksmith
Vasja Doberlet	Slovenia	Rails to the Light
Irena Gregorc	Slovenia	Workers on Scaffolding
Franjo Lavrinc	Slovenia	Rest
Aleksander Lorenčak	Slovenia	Mow the Lawn
Nenad Martić	Croatia	Legoland 1
Alenka Mužar	Slovenia	Guardian of the Fire
Laurent Nilles	Luxembourg	Dusty Bricks
		No Money for Safety
		Sulphur Mines

CATEGORY A: LABOUR - COLOUR

ACCEPTED PHOTOS

Author

Country

Title

Andreja Ravnak

Slovenia

Hop Fields 12

Ioana 4

Anton Tratnik

Slovenia

Working Anthill

Suzana Uršič

Slovenia

Fog Light

Grinder Sparks

Welding

Rudi Uran

Slovenia

Different Worlds 1

Marjan Verč

Slovenia

We Celebrated Here

Janez Vrzel

Slovenia

Communal Worker

Roofer

Zhenjiang Yang

China

The Foundation of the Bridge

132 photographs received / 37 accepted = 28%



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CATEGORY B: LABOUR - BLACK AND WHITE

AWARDED PHOTOS



award: FIAP gold medal

title: Officesmokers

author: Marcel van Balken

country: Netherlands



award: FIAP silver medal

title: Between the Clouds

author: Simon Krejan

country: Slovenia



award: FIAP bronze medal

title: Squeezing Out Soybean Juice

author: Jui Shang Chiu

country: Taiwan

CATEGORY B: LABOUR - BLACK AND WHITE

AWARDED PHOTOS



award: FZS gold medal

title: Ham

author: Zoltan Bisak

country: Serbia



award: FZS silver medal

title: Miner 6

author: Ling Jyi Chao

country: Taiwan



award: FZS bronze medal

title: Dock of the Bay 1

author: Nenad Martić

country: Croatia

CATEGORY B: LABOUR - BLACK AND WHITE

AWARDED PHOTOS



award: FIAP honourable mention

title: Cerro Rico Miners 1

author: Andreja Ravnak

country: Slovenia



award: FIAP honourable mention

title: Danger High Voltage No. 2

author: Janez Vrzel

country: Slovenia

CATEGORY B: LABOUR - BLACK AND WHITE

ACCEPTED PHOTOS

Author	Country	Title
Marcel van Balken	Netherlands	Metalworker 2 Workman
Zoltan Bisak	Serbia	Grooming Haymaking
Gottfried Catania	Malta	Mask Painter 2
Ling Jyi Chao	Taiwan	Miner 11 TWH 01
Jui Shang Chiu	Taiwan	Unbearable Burden
Edvard Detiček	Slovenia	Shepherd's Tales
Irena Gregorc	Slovenia	White Bread
Inga Ivanova	Latvia	Early Morning
Aleksander Lorenčak	Slovenia	Sweeper
Matej Peljhan	Slovenia	Uprising of the Machine
Andreja Ravnak	Slovenia	Life in Romania 1
Ionel Simioana	Romania	A Different Living Thing Jewelry Makers

CATEGORY B: LABOUR - BLACK AND WHITE

ACCEPTED PHOTOS

Author	Country	Title
Anton Tratnik	Slovenia	Charcoal Burner
		Shaving
		Spinning Wheel

112 photographs received / 27 accepted = 24%

FIAP BLUE PIN

Best author at the salon with 6 accepted works
including 2 award-winning photographs



Zoltan Bisak

F1 FSS

FG Dunavac Ivanovo

Serbia

EXHIBITION OPENING



Exhibition opening, screening of accepted photographic works, and award ceremony at Kamerate Labour Film Festival, June 21st, 2025, Hrastnik, Slovenia

Photo: Milan Tarlać



Printed exhibition of awarded and some accepted photographs at Hočjeva galerija, held after the opening, screening, and awards ceremony

Photo: Milan Tarlać