



Press release

Jury decided the winners of AGROFILM 2023

On Friday, October 6th, 2023, organizers will award the winners of the International Film Festival AGROFILM 2023. This festive conclusion to the festival will take place at the Multiplex Mlyny Cinemas in Nitra, where filmmakers from 12 countries of the world will collect awards for unique presentations of topics from the sphere of agriculture, food processing, forestry and other related topics.

International jury awarded altogether 14 films and rewarded the unique creative approaches of the filmmakers, who emphasise the importance and difficulty of the work within the agrosector, its relationship to soil and animals, but also the problems of sustainability.

AWARDED FILMS

This year, the Grand Agrofilm Award will go to Latvia, awarded to the film "**The Land**" directed by Ivars Seleskis. It presents rural life over the scope of a year from the point of view of five families – their return to their roots and farming opens a lot of questions about agriculture.

Turkish breed of a guardian shepherd dog, considered one of the best protectors of livestock kept in open land, is Kangal. Slovak filmmakers followed a year in life and training of this breed's puppies to create a beautiful documentary "**Kangal - A Livestock guardian**". It received international recognition and at our festival, it was awarded the Agrofilm Jury Award.

French director Nathalie Lay received the Directing Award for her film "**Sophie's farm**", the main heroine of which is a passionate cattle breeder, Sofia. The farmer grew up on a farm and her love towards animals and her respect for their needs is tangible in the film.

This year, several Hungarian films of high quality were submitted to the festival. Of them, "**Soil=Life**" received the Award of the Rector of the Slovak University of Agriculture in Nitra. The film presents a very current topic of soil degradation, but primarily it brings forward a solution in the form of expert-based, soil-focused, environmentally friendly and sustainable agriculture.

The future of Czech forests, which, like the ones in Slovakia, have been facing the challenges of the recent climate change, is the main theme of the awarded Czech film "**Forests of the Future**". The documentary introduces the profession of a forester to the audiences while also attempting to present recent findings of forestry science in an approachable manner. The film was awarded the Award of the Rector of the Technical University in Zvolen.

The film "**The Taste of the Earth**" portrays a small village in the North of Italy, which is famous for its traditional agricultural products. The director did not make a promotional video but told a story about truly extraordinary people, who manage soil, uphold centuries-old traditions, and are the real treasure of this land. The well-deserved Award of the President of Agrofilm will therefore travel to Italy.

Traditional partners of the festivals – universities, schools, institutions, independent clubs and cities – showed dozens of films with accompanying events during the course of this week. Thanks to them, this unique festival educates and brings interesting topics to all corners of Slovakia. Films were available to wide public also thanks to online screening. The organizer of the festival, NPPC Lužianky, opened also the sensitive topic of wide-spread hoaxes about agriculture, which made for a lively discussion.

The last day of festival screenings will be Saturday, October 7th, 2023, when the audience can visit Multiplex Mlyny Cinemas in Nitra between 3PM and 6 PM and see several awarded films. On Saturday from 9PM, the audience can still enjoy the films online through www.agrofilm.sk.

The most interesting moments of the festival happenings will be shown in a special episode of Farmer's Review on RTVS Dvojka on Saturday, October 7th, 2023 at 3 PM and also in a rerun on Sunday October 8th, 2023 at 8:25 AM and 5:30 PM. Later, it will be available online in the archive www.rtvsk.sk and on social media.

The List of Award-Winning Films Agrofilm 2023

Cat. No.	Title	Country	Award
LV 1	The Land	Latvia	Grand Agrofilm Award
LU 1	Organic Soil – Organic Soul	Luxemburg	Award of the Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development of the Slovak Republic
IT 2	The Taste of the Earth	Italy	Award of the President of Agrofilm
SK 13	Kangal - A Livestock guardian	Slovakia	Agrofilm Jury Award
CZ 7	The Values of Nature	Czechia	FAO Award
FR 1	Sophie's farm	France	Directing Award
SK 9	Bioeconomy is also an opportunity for Slovakia	Slovakia	Award of the Mayor of the City of Nitra
HU 1	Acacia and honey	Hungary	Award of the President of the Nitra Self-governing Region
HU 6	Soil=Life	Hungary	Award of the Rector of the Slovak University of Agriculture in Nitra
GW/USA / PT 1	Unite for Bissau (Nô Kumpu Guiné): agroecology and feminism in Guinea Bissau	Guinea Bissau/USA/ Portugalsko	Award of the Rector of the Constantine the Philosopher University in Nitra
CZ 1	Forests of the Future	Czechia	Award of the Rector of the Technical University in Zvolen
SK 2	Horse loggers	Slovensko	Award of the Slovak Agriculture and Food Chamber for the Slovak Film
NL/TR 1	Pomace	Netherlands /Turkey	Association of Agricultural Cooperatives and Trade Companies of the Slovak Republic
SK 19	Food production	Slovakia	Award of the RTVS for promotional film