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Winners of the 38th AGROFILM

AGROFILM 2022 reaches its climax today, on October 7 2022, at the award ceremony, which took place at Mlyny Cinemas in Nitra. The powerful message of the motto “Bread and peace to all people”, which has accompanied the festival for 38 years, is very relevant today.

During the festival week, we showed the films on “silver screens” as well as online, altogether almost 90 hours of broadcasts for the professional and lay public alike. The interactive discussion forum on the topic “Bread and how to feed the world” on Wednesday, October 5 2022, reached a number of young people, who had the opportunity to see films about wheat growing and bread making, and concluded with bread tasting. We are glad that after years of restrictions, audiences can enjoy the festival, its films and the accompanying events in their full format.

The international jury awarded altogether 14 film authors from 8 countries. They agreed that this year’s films were of very high quality and reflected the topical problems as well as innovations, solutions and successes in agriculture, food production, forestry and preservation of natural resources.

AWARDED FILMS

After many years, the Grand Agrofilm Award went to a Slovak film, **Dreams, hard work and pandemic** directed by Jakub Šípoš. It is a portrait of five young entrepreneurs, who are living their dreams fuelled by work, to which the pandemic also contributed. They produce locally, think sustainably and are an inspiration to others.

A man who has been rescuing honeybees in the cities of India since 2013 inspired the Indian director Bidit Roy, who created the film **The Bee Rescuer** and now collects one award after another worldwide. At our festival, he received the Award of the President of Agrofilm.

Director Delia Ackerman earned the Directing Award for her film **Hatun Phaqcha – The Healing Land**, which takes place in Peru – the land of superfoods. It shows the importance of preserving and growing traditional foods in the interest of citizens’ health as well as climate protection.

The freedom and success of villagers from a Brazilian settlement enticed director Patricia Moll to create the documentary **Two Rivers – Cocoa and Freedom**, which was awarded the FAO Award. When enjoying cocoa and chocolate, we should always remember these enterprising people in South America.

Germany is well represented among the winners, as usual, but we want to draw attention in particular to the film **Re: Italy's olive trees in danger**, which highlights the destruction of olive orchards in the south of Italy by the Xylella bacteria. Farmers worry for their livelihood and fear the devastation of the most beautiful locations in this agricultural area. The film earned the Award of the Rector of the Slovak University of Agriculture in Nitra.

Ecofarms in the Netherlands successfully utilize agroforestry systems in practice, which is evident also from the awarded film series of the Dutch director Joris van der Kamp. The festival is the perfect venue to show examples of good practice, and he did so successfully. The documentaries **Towards Agroforestry** received the Award of the Association of Agricultural Cooperatives and Trade Companies of the Slovak Republic.

Those who hasn't been able to come to the broadcasts during the week can still enjoy the films on Saturday, October 8 2022, at Mlyny Cinemas in Nitra between 3 p.m. and 6 p.m. as well as online starting at 9 p.m. at www.agrofilm.sk.

Agrofilm 2022 was documented by the television crew of Farmer's Revue. You can see an interesting compilation of the best on RTVS Dvojka on Saturday, October 8 2022 at 3:15 p.m., as a rerun on Sunday, October 9 2022 at 9:30 a.m. and on Monday at 5:30 p.m. Later in the video archive on the website www.rtvsk.sk.

The List of Award-Winning Films Agrofilm 2022				
	Cat. No.	Title	Country	Award
1	SK 10	Dreams, Hard Work and Pandemic	Slovakia	Grand Agrofilm Award
2	CZ 12	Strip Crop Rotation	Czechia	Award of the Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development of the Slovak Republic
3	IN 1	The Bee Rescuer	India	Award of the President of Agrofilm
4	CZ 6	Beekeeper's Year	Czechia	Agrofilm Jury Award
5	BR 1	Two Rivers – Cocoa and Freedom	Brazil	FAO Award
6	PE 1	Hatun Phaqcha – The Healing Land	Peru	Directing Award
7	DE 3	Plan b: Back to the Wilderness - Humans and Nature in Harmony	Germany	Award of the Mayor of the City of Nitra
8	BE 2	The Secrets of Beer	Belgium	Award of the President of the Nitra Self-governing Region
9	DE 6	Re: Italy's Olive Trees in Danger – Killer Bacteria Spreads	Germany	Award of the Rector of the Slovak University of Agriculture in Nitra
10	IN 4	Our Cashew story	India	Award of the Rector of the Constantine the Philosopher University in Nitra
11	DE 5	Plan B: Make up Ground – Toil for the Climate	Germany	Award of the Rector of the Technical University in Zvolen
12	SK 8	From Puppy to the Guardian of the Flock	Slovakia	Award of the Slovak Agriculture and Food Chamber for the Slovak Film
13	NL 2- 7	Towards Agroforestry - series	Netherlands	Association of Agricultural Cooperatives and Trade Companies of the Slovak Republic
14	SK 26	Farm Bully	Slovakia	Award of the RTVS for promotional film