



In Nitra, 4th October 2019

Harvesting Agrofilm 2019

Over the five days of Agrofilm, the 102 submitted films brought a “crop” of 233 screenings at the festival venues in Nitra, Bratislava, Zvolen, Košice, Brezno and Martin. Issues plaguing the agriculture sector inspire documentarists all over the world. Their films once again provoked discussions on academic and scientific ground.

The international jury of experts awarded 14 winners. The authors of the awarded films will accept their awards on Friday, 4th October 2019 at the award ceremony which starts at 10.00AM at the Multiplex Mlyny Cinemas in Nitra.

The Grand Agrofilm Award was awarded to the Australian film **Grassroots**, which implements scientific knowledge in search for solutions to improve arable land not just in Australia. Correct use of soil, its regeneration and protection is of vital importance to humanity and that needs to be acknowledged by scientists and farmers worldwide.

This year of the festival was dominated by films focused on the honey bee and the irreplaceable role it plays in human lives. The Hungarian film **Finding Bees**, Slovak film **The Land with the Scent of Honey**, and Czech documentary **Land for the Bees** were excellently executed and each one of them was awarded. These tiny creatures are able, thanks to their large numbers and astonishing unity, to achieve great things we take for granted. However, the modern humankind put the honey bee in danger and thus endangered us as well. The Hungarian film was awarded the Award of the Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development of the Slovak Republic.

British documentary **In Our Hands** brought nine tales of the everyday reality of farmers' struggle to transform the food production system from the down up. Their farming methods aspire to revitalise the soil, bring farmers fair remuneration and give food its taste back. The film received the Agrofilm Jury Award.

Fermentation as an ancient method of food treatment was interestingly introduced by the American film **Fermented**, from which the audience can learn how this process is still used in the contemporary world. Delicious traditional dishes from various corners of the world are prepared by fermentation. The jury awarded the film the Award of the President of the Nitra Self-governing Region.

High level of expertise as well as attractive filmmaking was showcased by the German authors of the documentary **Blackleg and White Mold – Two Major Fungal Diseases of Oilseed Rape**, which was appreciated by the jury and the film received the Award of the Rector of the Slovak University of Agriculture in Nitra.

The Osiris FAO Award was this year given to the film **Sustainable Nation** from Israel. This hour-long documentary follows three people who seek sustainable solutions for the progressively thirstier country. Israel suffers from water shortage and therefore brings forth solutions to change the current state of the world, where approximately every tenth person lacks access to water.

An overview of all awards is published at www.agrofilm.sk

If you missed the week's screenings, you can still enjoy the festival films on Saturday, 5th October 2019 at the shopping mall Galeria Mlyny Nitra.

We thank you for your support. We already look forward to the next Agrofilm festival.

The list of Award –Winning Films Agrofilm 2019			
Cat. No.	Title	Country	Award proposals
AU 1	Grassroots	Australia	Grand Agrofilm Award
DE 3	Blackleg and White Mold – Two Major Fungal Diseases of Oilseed Rape	Germany	Award of the Rector of the Slovak University of Agriculture in Nitra
HU 4	Finding Bees	Hungary	Award of the Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development of the Slovak Republic
HU 1	The White Reindeer	Hungary	Directing Award
FR 10	To Raise and Rise	France	Award of the President of Agrofilm
GB 1	In Our Hands	United Kingdom	Agrofilm Jury Award
USA 3	Fermented	USA	Award of the President of the Nitra Self-governing Region
AM 1	In the mountains	Armenia	Award of the Rector of the Constantine the Philosopher University in Nitra
CZ 10	Walachian Menagerie	Czechia	Award of the Mayor of the City of Nitra
DE 2	Seed Treatment	Germany	Award of the Association of Agricultural Cooperatives and Trade Companies of the Slovak Republic
IL 1	Sustainable Nation	Israel	Osiris FAO Award
SK 2	The land with the scent of honey	Slovakia	Award of the Slovak Agriculture and Food Chamber for the Slovak Film
CZ 13	Land for the Bees	Czechia	Award of the Rector of the Technical University in Zvolen
SK 24	Humic acids	Slovakia	Award of the RTVS