

Mersin University Research Centre for Women's Studies (MERKAM)

“Woman in Life”

1st MERKAM International Photography Contest

ORGANISATION OF THE CONTEST

The 1st MERKAM International Photography Contest is organized by Mersin University Research Centre for Women's Studies (MERKAM).

The implementation and responsibilities of the 1st MERKAM International Photography Contest will be undertaken, on behalf of MERKAM, by Mersin Photography Association (MFD).

SUBJECT AND PURPOSE

The subject of the “Woman in Life” photography contest is determined as “Photographs about women from all areas of life”. The purpose of the contest is to share the photographs of all amateur and professional photographers, that reflect their point of view about women through their lenses. Photographs of women from every area of life will be evaluated by the Jury and the selected photos will be displayed at Mersin University’s Ciftlikkoy Campus.

CATEGORIES

Category 1: PHOTO STORY(Digital Color or B&W) The story of a Woman in life; this category consists of min. 4, max. 6 photo sets which have color harmony. The theme of the photo set is about a woman in life. Subjects of the photographs are complimentary, thereby telling a story. Photo sets with color modification and obtained by photo-montage technique in such a way as to alter the originality of the set will not be accepted.

Framing, light adjustment, darkening and coloring, etc. Modification methods can be accepted as photo sets if they are not altering the original and quality of the photo.- FIAP B&W Definitions.

Category 2: WOMEN AND SPORTS (Digital Color or B&W) These are photographs about the lives of women in amateur and professional sports. There is no color or B&W restriction; no modifications except clipping and/or light adjustment are allowed. - FIAP B&W Definitions.

Category 3: WOMEN AND ARTS (Digital Color or B&W) These are photographs about the lives of amateur and professional women in arts. There is no color or B&W restriction; no modifications except clipping and/or light adjustment are allowed. - FIAP B&W Definitions.

PARTICIPATION

- The 1st MERKAM International Photography Contest is open to all amateur and professional photographers from all over the world. Close family members of the Organizing Committee, the Jury Members and the TFSF Representatives will not be permitted to enter the competition.
- There are THREE separate categories within the competition. Each participant can enter a minimum of 4 (four) and maximum 6 (six) photographs for the PHOTO STORY category and maximum 4 (four) photographs for the categories of WOMEN AND SPORTS and WOMEN AND ARTS.
- The participants can enter the competition using images obtained by image-capture of objects via light sensitivity, made by the participant on photographic emulsion or acquired digitally using fixed or anchored objects or straight photography techniques. The photographs entered by the participant must belong to the photographer and by participating accept responsibility for any complaints relating to or arising from the objects, items etc used in the photographs. The same conditions also apply in the case complaints by individuals which may also appear in the photographs.

- The photographer, by entering the competition, is acknowledging the ownership of the photographs entered. In the case where the contrary is identified, even if an award or exhibition privileges have been won, these will be cancelled. Procedures relating to violations of rules will be applied to the participant.
- Photographs getting an award or exhibition privileges maybe, for the purposes of promoting the competition and the intention of the competition, be used on social media networks, editorial media and internet websites, together with MERKAM, Mersin Photographic Association (MFD) and TFSF websites. By entering the competition the participant is considered to have given consent in this regards. The participant gives permission to be published, in relation to the exhibition, free of charge in the media and/or on screen. Under all circumstances the right of use of the photographs belongs to Mersin University and the photographer. Sponsors may use publish photographs in a low resolution on website for the promotion of the competition.
- Participants must either follow the direction on the following websites:
<http://www.mfd.org.tr> , <http://www.mersin.edu.tr> or <http://www.tfsf.org.tr/>
Or visit the following websites, becoming members and accepting the terms and conditions of the competition. By ticking the terms and conditions box the participant is accepting all the terms and conditions of the competition.
Turkish: <http://www.tfsfonayliyarismalar.org/>
English: <http://www.tfsfonayliyarismalar.org/en/>
- In the event of issues arising, whether system or user related, with competition photographs sent via the internet, please contact onlineyarismalar@tfsf.org.tr giving full details and the issue and this will be resolved as soon as possible. This email address must only be used for the resolving of issues arising from up loading photographs and must not be used for entering photographs into the competition Any photographs sent to this address will not be considered as entered.
- Award winning or photographs obtaining exhibition privileges will be exhibited in the following websites: <http://www.mfd.org.tr> and <http://www.mersin.edu.tr>. In addition photographs receiving competition awards, honourable mentions and special awards will be published in <http://www.tfsf.org.tr> and <http://www.tfsfonayliyarismalar.org> websites and also in the pages reserved for our organization in the 2016 TFSF publication, Almanak.
- If at the end of the competition it is determined that a participant has not complied terms and conditions on any of his works procedures of rule violations will be enforced.
- Procedures of rule violation will be enforced on any photographs sent into the competition, where even though the work does not belong to the participant, the participant presents the work as his own is intending to deceive the Assessment Committee by intervening and altering the work in any way.
- All awards, titles and gains of any kind will be retrieved from any participant found to be in breach of the rules. The cancelled award will not be filled. FIAP will be informed of this situation. If the award has already been given the participant must return this.
- The disqualified individuals shall be subject to sanctions further to Article 13 of the "Regulations of National/International Competition Organization Standards of the TFSF".
- If any person, for the reasons described above has an ongoing restriction placed upon them or if a participant is on the FIAP red list, these individuals may not enter this competition.
- By entering their work all participants are declaring and committing that they responsible for all issue relating to any required permits or permissions and for any misunderstandings that may arising from their work. Any issues arising with regards to this will not be the responsibility of either MERKAM or Mersin Photographic Association (MFD).

- Where MERKAM and MFD deem it necessary they may request, from the participants, the original files of the photographs.
- By entering your photographs into a competition that has patronage to FIAP, whether you are a FIAP member or not, you are accepting in advance that where it is deemed necessary FIAP may evaluate suitability according to its own rules and definitions, FIAP may investigate by using all facilities and techniques available
- The participant will be banned by FIAP on the grounds of breaching the rules and their name will be exposed, if the participant does not when requested give the necessary information, the camera with the original file the photograph was taken or if the participant does not cooperate with FIAP in order to resolve the problem. As it will probably make investigations simpler it is recommended that all EXIF data is kept in good condition.
- On matters not mentioned in the terms and conditions or in obscure situations the rules of, MERKAM, MFD and TFSF Executive Board together with the TFSF U/UA Competition Regulatory Standards Directive.
- After evaluation all works that did not receive an award, a honourable mention, exhibition privileges or sold will be deleted from the system under the supervision of a TFSF representative.
- The event will be announced to FIAP Board, liaison officers of the operational members, intermediates of regional, local and individual members, approved magazines, etc.

ENTRY FEE

GENERAL:

- Participation fee is mandatory for all participants and it is 20€/30\$ for all sections. For Turkish participant standard fee is 50 TL.
- Fees for entering the competition and for the returning of any prints can be made via:
Participants may also make payments to the bank account detailed below.

₺ - Türkiye İş Bankası Sanayi Branch: **Ufuk AĞMA**

Branch code: 6603

Account number: 0 300 201

IBAN Number: TR93 0006 4000 0016 6030 3002 01

Swift code: ISBKTRIS

\$- Türkiye İş Bankası Sanayi Branch: **Ufuk AĞMA**

Branch code: 6603

Account number: 0 102 651

IBAN Number: TR79 0006 4000 0026 6030 1026 51

Swift code: ISBKTRIS

€ - Türkiye İş Bankası Sanayi Branch: **Ufuk AĞMA**

Branch code: 6603

Account number: 0 102 665

IBAN Number: TR79 0006 4000 0026 6030 1026 65

Swift code: ISBKTRIS

- All entry fees must be paid before the entry deadline for the competition. If full payment has not been received the photographs will not be taken into consideration.

COMPETITION DATES

Start of competition	: 16.06.2016
Last entry	: 05 -02 - 2017, 23.00 hrs (TSI)
Jury Evaluation	: 18 - 02 - 2017
Results	: 03- 03 - 2017
Award ceremony and presentation to public	: 08 - 03 - 2017

The awards will be sent to the participants by 30 April 2017.

You will be able to download the PDF competition catalogue from <http://www.mfd.org.tr> and/or <http://www.mersin.edu.tr/> after the 30 April 2017.

As all the exhibition privileges and scores are approved by International Organizations, these can be used for title applications to institutions.

PHOTOGRAPH MARKING/NAMING AND SUBMITTING

- All photographs must be named.
- Digital Category: Photographs must be prepared in jpg/JPEG Format 300 dpi, short side maximum 2300 pixels vertical and 1080 pixels horizontal, photograph size minimum 1 Mb, maximum 4 Mb. Compress to between 7-12 (quality).
- Photographs may be directed online (converted) at <http://www.mfd.otg.tr>, <http://www.mersin.edu.tr/> or <http://www.tfsf.org.tr>, or uploaded directly to,
Turkish: <http://www.tfsfonayliyarismalar.org/>
English: <http://www.tfsfonayliyarismalar.org/en/>
- Participants must register by fully completing the form as directed, before they are able to upload their photographs. Those that have previously completed the registration process can use their existing user name and password to complete the process.
- All submissions must be properly sized, named and filed beforehand and up loaded in a single session.
- Photographs submitted by-hand, email or by CV/DVD/portable external hard drive will not be accepted.
- There must be no frame or empty space around the photograph. There must be no information regarding the participant's name, identity, signature, logo and dates etc.
- Photograph entries will be saved in jpg/jpeg format compressed between 7-12. Up loaded photographs must not be smaller than 1 Mb and no larger than 4 Mb.
- Each photograph must have a file name no longer than 31 characters.
- When naming please do not use the characters, ç, ı, ğ, ö, ş, ü. Use English characters and the underscore (_).
- Please use all lower case characters accept for when referring to country codes and section identification.
- The first two characters of the file name must refer to the country (for Turkey TR). For a list of country codes refer to <http://www.fiap.net/docs/divers/ISO2-en.pdf>
<https://www.iso.org/obp/ui/#search>
- Followed by the name of the owner of the work, using a maximum of 5 characters (Example; EriIYilmaz may be erily, eryil or eryil).

- This is then followed by the initial letters of the section (DIGITAL: PHOTO STORY/Serial Photos (Color or Black & White) > **DS**; DIGITAL: WOMEN AND SPORTS (Color or B&W) > **DW**; DIGITAL: WOMEN AND ARTS (Color or B&W) > **DA**).
- The order of the photograph must be written in figures (from 1 to 4 (for section Digital Photo Story, from 1 to 6)) and this must be followed by an underscore (_). The name of the photograph must not exceed the total number of characters. For example; participant Eril Yilmaz is entering the DIGITAL: PHOTO STORY/Serial Photos (Black & White) > DS category with his first photograph called 'yaşamın sırrı', the photograph could be named 'TRerilyDS1_yasamin_sirri' or if the same participant entered the DIGITAL: WOMEN AND SPORTS (Color or B&W) > DW category with a photograph named 'sporcunun çilesi' as his first entry, the photograph could be named 'TRerilyDW1_sporcunun_cilesi, or, if he entered the DIGITAL: WOMEN AND ARTS (Color or B&W) > DA category with a photograph named 'üçüncü boyut' he should name the first work as "TRerilyDA1_ucuncu_boyut".
- If you encounter any problems in relations to registration or entering the competition, whether the issue systems related or a user related please e-mail onlineyarismalar@tfsf.org.tr giving details of the problem and the issue will be resolved as quickly as possible. Do not send photographs to this address. Photographs sent to this address will not be entered into the competition.

JURY (in alphabetical order)

1 - PHOTO STORY/Serial Photos

Prof. Ayşe Gül YILGÖR	MERKAM - TR
Prof. Ayşin KÖKTÜRK	MFD - TR
Prof. Bahar ULUBAŞ	MFD - TR
Emel KARAKOZAK	(EFIAP/s) AFAD - TR
Sezin GÖKGÜN	(AFIAP) MFD - TR

2- WOMEN AND SPORTS

Assoc.Prof. Aslıhan Doğan TOPÇU	MERKAM - TR
Monika KUKI	MFD - TR
Sezin GÖKGÜN	(AFIAP) MFD - TR
Süreyya SELEN	MFD - TR
Zahide Ağirel DEMİR	(AFIAP) MFD - TR

3- WOMEN AND ARTS

Canan YAŞAR	(EFIAP) TFD - TR
Ebru TİMÜÇİN	MFD - TR
Emel KARAKOZAK	(EFIAP/s) AFAD -TR
Lecturer Tuba GÜNER	MERKAM - TR
Zerrin TAŞYÜREK	MFD - TR

ALTERNATE JURY

Lecturer Asiye UZEL
Prof. Bahar TANER
Asst. Prof. Bediz Yılmaz BAYRAKTAR
Nazire AVLAR

Sevtaþ İNAL

(There will be a minimum of three members in the Selection Committee.)

TFSF Representative: Ufuk AĐMA (AFIAP)

AWARDS

For each section, FIAP Gold, Silver, Bronze and 6 Honourable Mentions.

For each section, MERKAM Gold, Silver, Bronze and 6 Honourable Mentions.

For each section, MFD Gold, Silver, Bronze and 6 Honourable Mentions.

For each section, TFSF Special Award.

Exhibit (Minimum 15% and maximum 25% in each category proportionately will be selected to exhibiting).

FIAP Best Photograph Award (This will be awarded to the photographs that receives the most of awards and exhibition privileges in total).

NOTIFICATION OF RESULTS AND DIGITAL CATALOGUE SUBMISSION

Result cards will be sent to all participants via email.

You can download information on Awards and Exhibition locations collectively from in PDF format from www.mfd.org.tr, <http://www.mersin.edu.tr> or <http://www.tfsf.org.tr>.

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Our Competition is approved by Photographic Arts Federation of Turkey (TFSF/PAFT) with the number of TFSF/PAFT 2017-003 and International Federation of Photographic Art (FIAP) with the number of FIAP 2017-005.

TFSF/PAFT Representative will be present during contest.



TFSF

(TFSF/PAFT 2017-003)



(FIAP 2017-005)