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**MAN IN THE PAST AND IN THE PRESENT, CULTURE-SOCIETY-INDIVIDUAL**

**Competition for high-school students**

In the frames of the campaign for promotion of its studies, the Institute of Ethnology and Anthropology in February 2008 has opened a competition for third and fourth grade high-school students from all over Macedonia. The topic was "Man in the past and the present, culture-society-individual", covering two categories:

Essay with the following sub-topics:

1. Food in Macedonia, past and present;
2. Folk music;
3. Heroes from Macedonia that I admire;
4. Clothes in the past and/or today.

Photography with the following sub-topics:

1. Holidays and festivities;
2. The talking walls: graffiti in my city;
3. Crafts and craftsmen;
4. Jewelry, decoration, make-up and hair-styles.

The competition was announced at the web-site of the Institute, few blogs, and letters and posters to all high-schools in Macedonia were sent noting the rules and the criteria for participation. Until 31<sup>st</sup> of March 2008 15 essays and 64 photographs by 20 candidates have arrived. Two commissions were formed for each category, that decided to award one first, two second and two third prizes.

The following candidates were awarded:

**I. Essay category:**

*First price* - computer - Hermina Gadzova, student from Resen, for the text titled "Folk music";

*Second price* - 8 books - Sanja Nikeva from Ohrid for the text "Clothes in the past and today" and Miki Delev from Strumica for "Heroes from Macedonia that I admire";

*Third price* - lunch for two and 3 books - Angela Chureva from Skopje for the text "Food in Macedonia in the past and today" and Mitko Petkov from Bogdanci for "Folk music";

## II. Photography category

*First price* - digital camera - Bogdanka Fiti from Krushevo for the photography titled "Barrel Maker";

*Second price* - 8 books - Filip Petkovski from Skopje for "Vodici holiday in Bitushe" and Elena Gjeroska from Skopje for "Graffiti";

*Third price* - lunch for two and 3 books - Velko Nikoloski from Krushevo for "The cavalierly of Pitu Guli" and Viktorija Bachvarova from Skopje for "Making jewelry".

The prices were announced at a solemn gathering on the 10<sup>th</sup> of May at the Institute.

Two first prices, computer and camera, were provided by the Institute of Ethnology and Anthropology. The books were a donation of the library of the Macedonian Academy of Arts and Sciences, publishing house "Matica Makedonska" and the IEA, while the third prizes were sponsored by the restaurant Sopotsko in Skopje. We thank them all for their help and support!

This competition, created and realized by the team of assistants and part-time assistants at the Institute, aimed at promoting ethnology and anthropology among high-school students, as well as towards better education of future professionals in these fields that would carry on the development of science in the Republic of Macedonia. The expressed interest and quality of the entries speak about the existing interest among young people regarding tradition, but also about the contemporary social trends. All of this is a sign that such activities at the IEA should continue in the future.