

France HABE prize 2014

Introduction

The **France HABE Prize** is awarded by the **Department of Karst and the Cave Protection of the International Union of Speleology (UIS)**.

The prize is named in memory and honour of Dr. France HABE (+10/12/1999) of Slovenia (Yugoslavia), who among his other many accomplishments served as President of the UIS Protection Department (1973-1997).

Its purpose is to promote the protection of karst and caves for generations to come. Their natural legacy are proven sources of increasingly rich information about the history of our planet and humanity, enabling people to act more thoughtfully, efficiently, and sustainably for the future of our environment.

The 2014 Prize

Six submissions were received from Belgium, France, Germany, Greece, Russia and Switzerland.

They concern a good variety of subjects connected to karst and cave protection: an awareness campaign biospeleo, an atlas of a karst area, field actions as “depollution day” : neologism used in Belgium since 1970, measures and regulations to protect a cavity, evaluation grid of the environmental changes in a cave.

The Jury of the France Habe Prize 2014 was composed by 2 members of the Scientific Committee of the UIS Department of Karst and Cave Protection and its President.

They noted each submission following an evaluation frame. They decided unanimously to attribute the France Habe Prize 2014, an amount of 250€, to the best and more elaborated contribution at a presentation, redaction, photographic, scientific and original point of view.

The winner is the **Verband der deutschen Höhlen- und Karstforscher e. V.** for the

“Cave animal of the year 2014”, a leaflet about *Proasellus cavaticus*.

The Jury congratulate the other participants for their investment in the karst and cave protection.

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