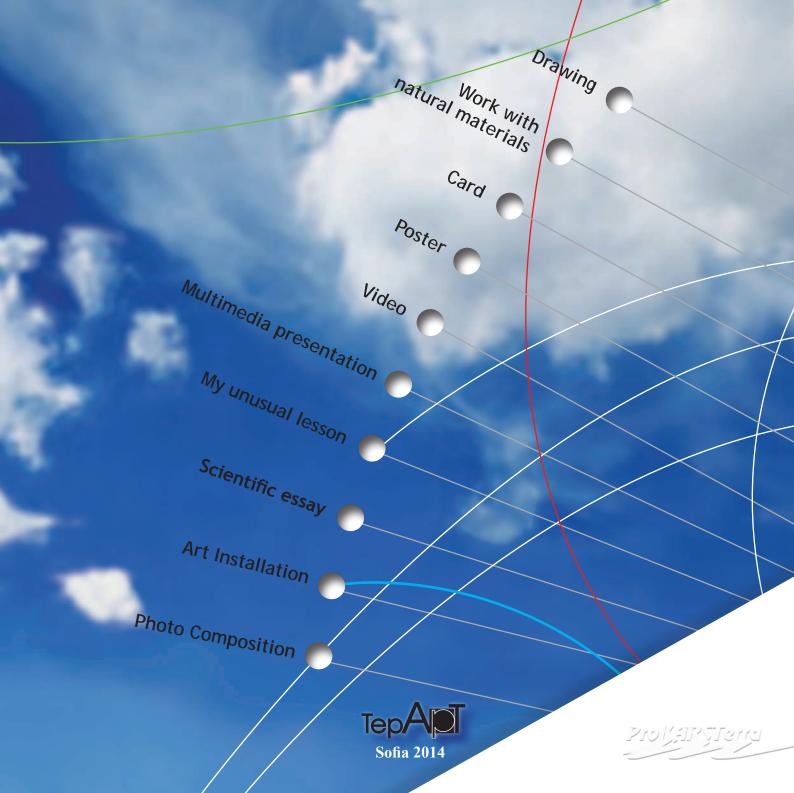




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### THE COMPETITION IS HELD IN FIVE SEASONED CATEGORIES

- 1. For pupils:
- 1.1. Up to12 years old:
- Drawing or work with natural materials
- 1.2. Over 12 years old:
- Poster
- Card or multimedia presentation
- Video
- 2. For teachers:
- My unusual lesson
- 3. For students:
- Scientific essay or multimedia presentation
- Art Installation
- 4. For nature lovers, photographers:
- Composition (3 to 5 photos)

### CRITERIA FOR EVALUATION OF WORKS

- $\checkmark$  Originality of the idea realized with this work
- √ Knowledge of Karst
- ✓ Artistic value
- ✓ Emotionality
- √ Technical skills
- ✓ Professional autonomy in making



PARTICIPANTS

Scotland UK offered works. Professor Nakano and his students from phantom in the Yamaguchi University, Japan presented an original exhibition the Yamaguchi University, Japan presented and which is students from the Yamaguchi University, Japan presented and Japan presented and which is students from the Yamaguchi University, Japan presented and white students from the Yamaguchi University. In the first contest participants from Bulgaria, Japan and his stude works. Professor Nakano and his stude Professor Wieczesław Andrew, Associate professor Yoshinisa NAVANO, Pho (Artist, Volumersity) of Silesia, Poland), Associate professor Windowskie Silesia, Poland), Associate professor Windowskie Silesia, Polando, Polando, Windowskie Silesia, Polando, Polando University of Silesia, Poland), Associate professor (Geographer, Institute of Geography, Shumen, Voshinisa Makking, Institute of Geography, Shumen, Associate professor (Geographer, Institute of Rateaur, Shumen, Petar StERNOV, Geographic Foundation of Nature Park, "Shumen Plateaur, Shumen Park, "Shumen Park, "

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## FOR PUPILS

Up to12 years old:

— Drawing or work with natural materials

Over 12 years old: - Poster / Card







# FOR TEACHERS:

My unusual lesson

**Limestone Landscapes** 

Yorkshire Dales National Park

# FOR STUDENTS:

Scientific essay

# FOR NATURE LOVERS, PHOTOGRAPHERS:

Composition



### AWARDS



The International jury awarded 6 prizes (3 first, 2 second and 1 third) and 1 encouraging prize.



The prize pool for the first edition of the competition was provided by the Directorate of Nature Park "Shumen Plateau", Shumen, Bulgaria. CATEGORY
DRAWING

Kurumi Tawara

Shuho Cho, Yamaguchi prefecture, Japan

First prizes



Loquat tree (Eriobotrya japonica) in the Akiyoshi karst

### CATEGORY POSTER

### Nikolina Georgieva

Samokov, Bulgaria

## irst prizes



Rhodope karst - amazing decor of the inspiring natural spectacle! Rook at him!

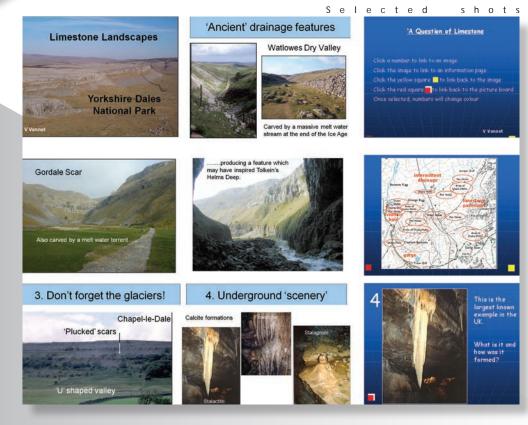
The Rhodope karst

CATEGORY AL LESSON
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Val Vannet

Dunee, Scotland UK



Limestone landscapes - Yorkshire Dales National park

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Third Prize Ralitza Tzoneva Shumen, Bulgaria



Second Prize Nikolai Lazarov, Shumen, Bulgaria



Encouragemnent Tsubasa Tanaka Shuho Cho, Yamaguchi, Japan

# RHANTOMINIKARST

Honorary Diploma for outstanding participation in the competition was awarded to a group of children from Shuho Cho elementary school (Japan) and a group students of Yamaguchi university (Japan) for the Art-composition "Phantom in Karst 1".





Ritsuko Fujiki Where is God Place



Kumiko Jitsukawa Doline in Akiyoshi plateau



PARTICIPANTS

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For the second time presenting an original exhibition. For the second time Professor Nakano and his students from the Yamaguchi. In warst 12.

INTERNATIONAL JURY

Professor Yoshinica NAKANO, PhD Chairman (Artist, Yamaguchi University, Japan), PhD Chairman (Artist, Yamaguchi University, Japan), PhD Chairman (Artist, Yamaguchi University, Japan), PhD (Chairman (Artist, Yamaguchi University, Associate Professor Todorka Naussite Andreas Professor Todorka Naussite Professor Todorka Pavla DVORSKA (Artist, Teacher, Czech Republic), Associate Professor Dilyana STEFAM (Artist, Sofia, Bulgaria), Associate Professor Todorka KRUSSTEVA, Phop (Artist, Sofia, Bulgaria), Associate Professor TERZIEV (Artist, Sofia, Bulgaria), Krsto PND (Geographer, NIGGG-BAS, Bulgaria), Associate professor Todorka KRUSSTEVA, PND (Geographer, NIGGG-BAS, Bulgaria), Krsto TERZIEV (Artist, Sofia, Bulgaria)
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## FOR PUPILS

## Up to 12 years old:

- Drawing or work with natural materials
- Poster / Card or multimedia presentation / Video Over 12 years old:



# FOR TEACHERS:

- Scientific essay or multimedia FOR STUDENTS: Art Installation oresentation - My unusual lesson







## FOR NATURE LOVERS, PHOTOGRAPHERS:

Composition





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AWARDS

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Works with natural materials Poster Multimedia presentations/pupils Multimedia presentation/University student Video -clips Photo-compositions My unusual lesson Essay Combination - presentation, drawing, paper Participants by countries: Armenia Bulgaria

Total number of participants

Total number of entries received



Table 1

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Total: 107

Total: 104

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Latvia Lithuania

Russia

Japan

Czech Republic Estonia

Kazakhstan



The prize pool for the second edition of the competition was provided by the Bulgarian Ministry of Education and Science.

Table 2



Country	Grand prize	First prizes	Second prizes	Third prizes	Encouraging prizes	Total
1. Kazakhstan	1	1	1	1	1	5
2. Croatia		2	1	-	-	3
3. Bulgaria		1	-	2	2	5
4. Japan		-	1	1	1	3
5. Lithuania		1	1	-	-	2
6. Armenia		-	-	1	1	2
7. Russia		-	-	-	5	5
8. Czech Republic		-	-	-	1	1
9. Latvia		-	-	-	1	1
10. Estonia		-	-	-	1	1
Total:	1	5	4	5	13	28

Amina Mushtakova Nariman Abdigapparov

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Grand prizes



Karst cave

For Grand prize for creative achievement the jury nominated four competition works by 4 different categories. After processing the results, convincingly headed out the mural "Karst cave" (Category "Work with natural materials") developed by Amina Mushtakova (10 Age) and Nariman Abdigapparov (11 Age) from the UNESCO associated school "BEST" (Almaty, Republics of Kazakhstan). They are the first winners of the Grand Prix of this contest and were invited to be guests of honor at the International Forum in Shumen, Bulgaria in September 2012.

### Amina Mushtakova



В нашей школе з посмотрела презентацию учёно со о пещерах. Это очень красиво, интересто и мне захотелось участвовать в конкурсе рисунков чтообы привлечь впимание модей для охранения этого чуда природы для будущих поколений.

In our school I listened to a presentation of a scholar about caves. It was very beautiful and interesting. Then I felt I would like to participate in the competition for pictures, to attract people's attention to preservation of this wonder of nature for the future generations.

### Nariman Abdigapparov



Пицеро это очень ташиткино, загадочно и просиво. Очень жань если они обдут разручимом ченовеком и вриченим. Я хощ, чтобы мари задушанись об их охране. Этот загадочный мир не доижен испедиять! Гюэтошу г решли учавствовать в конкурсе.

Caves are very mysterious, mystic and beautiful. It will be very sad if they are destroyed by people and time. I would like people to think about their protection. This mystic world should not disappear! That is why I decided to participate in this competition.



### CATEGORY

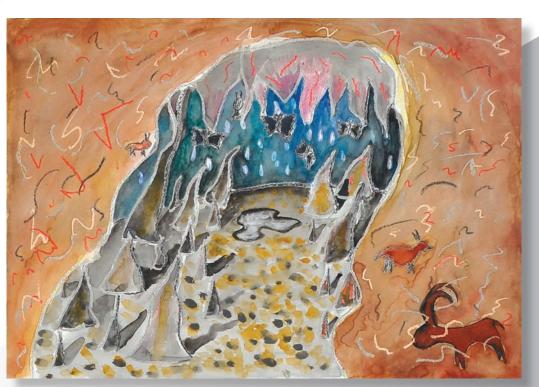
### Alissa Nikishina

UNESCO associated school "BEST"
Almaty, Kazakhstan

## First prizes



I participated in this competition to attract people's attention and to tell them: "Look, this is beautiful and should be preserved!"



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Cave painting

### CATEGORY DRAWING

Daiki Hayashi

Hongo elementary school 897 Iwanaga Shuho town, Mine city, Yamaguchi prefecture, Japan

Second prizes



Of you are a creator at heart and an artist by vocation, reproduce what you have seen, experienced and learned about karst and caves...

Output things in the Cave

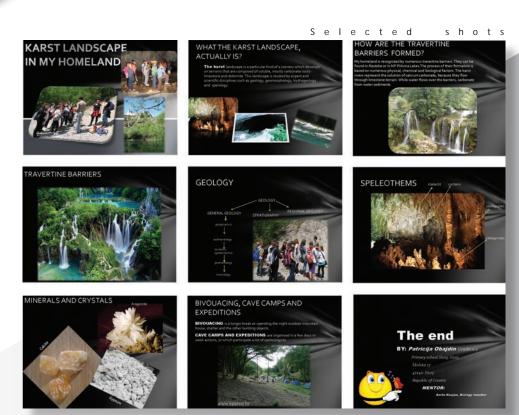
From "Invitation to Competition"

### CATEGORY CATEGORY CATEGORY PRESENTATION FOR PUPIL PRESENTATION

Patricia Obajdin

Elementary school Slunj, Croatia

Second prizes



Karst landskape in my Homeland

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Danail Hadzhiev

v. Mogilitsa, Smolyan, Bulgaria

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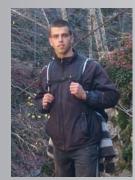


















Karst of the Middle Rhodopes

Ret's keep Bulgarian karst areas for the next generation!

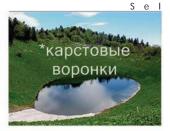
CATEGORY VIDEO-CLIP

### Evelina Mikoleiko

Gymnázium "A. Mickevicha", Vilnius, Lithuania

First prizes



















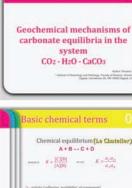
Special Prize of the Organizing committee

Protected karst areas - Bridges to the Future

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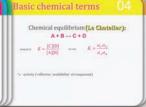
Nina Pivcevic

Institute of Mineralogy and Petrology, Faculty of Science, University of Zagreb, Croatia









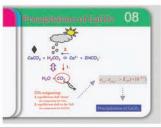
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Geochemical mechanisms of carbonate equilibrium in the system CO<sub>2</sub>-H<sub>2</sub>O-CaCO<sub>3</sub>

## irst prizes

CATEGORY AL LESSON MY UNUSUAL LESSON

Smiljana Baran, teacher

Antuna Mihanovica Elementary school, Zagreb, Croatia

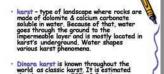


















Project "KARST"

CATEGORY LESSON

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Reneta Valkova, teacher of English

Angel Kanchev Secondary school, Sofia, Bulgaria

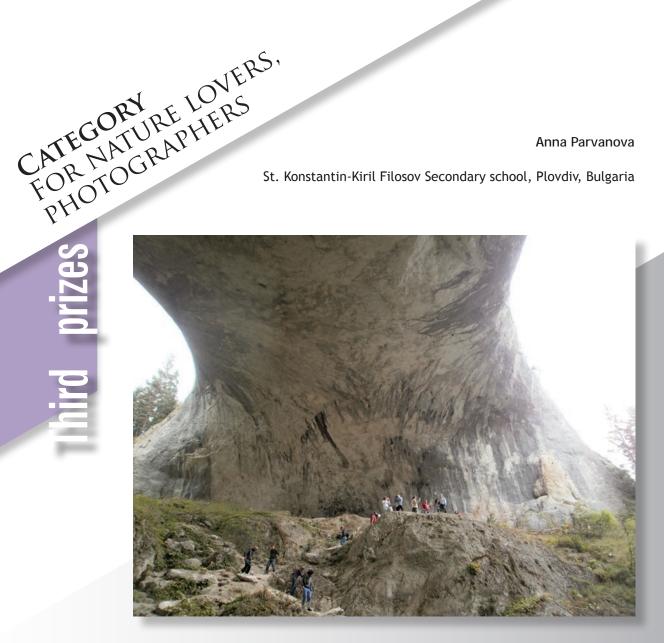
It was a pleasure to take part in the competition ...

My unusual lesson-film for implementation of the communicative approach in English language teaching in a karst environment is only the beginning of a new model for Soreign Ranguage Rearning.

Film "Zemen Gorge and Its Karst Pearl Polska Skakavitsa"

Anna Parvanova

St. Konstantin-Kiril Filosov Secondary school, Plovdiv, Bulgaria



West Rhodopes, Bulgaria

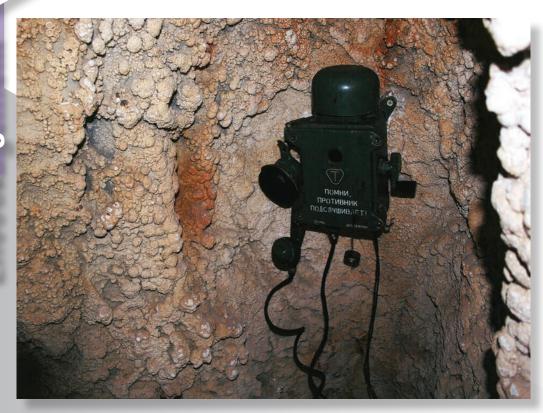
The Giants'foot

# CATEGORY LOVERS, FOR MATURE LOVERS FOR MATURE LOVERS PHOTOGRAPHERS

Aleksandra Sidorova, age 14

Lyceum № 6, Voskresensk, Russia

# ncouragemen



Caves of Krim, Ukraine

"Agent 007" (Chater-Dag: Marble Cave)

# ncouragement

## SPECIAL CASES DRAWING

Svetlana Shkuratova

Lyceum № 6, Voskresensk, Russia



The caves of the Caucasus

Unearthly beauty - Novoafonska cave

SPECIAL CASES ORIES
SEVERAL CASES

Darya Suntsova

Secondary school 10, Sarov, Nizhny Novgorod Region, Russia



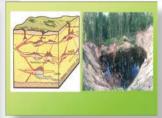


Drawing Karst lake

Project Natural monuments Sarov: Erzyansk sacred place: Keremet







Multimedia presentation

# PHANTOMINICARST

■Hiroko Miura

■Kyoko Sawanobori

■Tomoko Kimura

■Toshihiro Ueyama

■Yoshihisa Nakano



Akiyoshidai karst plateau Shuho-town Mine-city Yamaguchi Prefecture Japan





Ai Ikeda Window of memories

### Toshihiro Ueyama Pic\_nick

Akiko Asada The ground of a mask















Tomoko Kimura Tomorrow of 200 million years



### INTERNATIONAL INTERNATION INTERNATION COMPETITOR C KAROL UNDER PROTURE GENERATIONS GIFT FOR THE FURTURE

st of prizewinners

First Prize: Kurumi Tawara (Shuho Cho, Yamaguchi, Japan)

Second Prize: Nikolay Lazarov (Shumen, Bulgaria)

Third Prize: Ralitza Tzoneva (Shumen, Bulgaria)

**Encouragement:** Tsubasa Tanaka (Shuho Cho, Yamaguchi, Japan) Category Poster

First Prize: Nikolina Georgieva (Samokov, Bulgaria)

Category My Unusual Lesson

First Prize: Val Vannet (Dundee, Scotland UK)

Second Prize: Maria Giulemetowa (Pazardzhik, Bulgaria) 2012

Category Work with natural materials

**Grand Prize:** Nariman Abdigapparov Amina Mushtakova (Almaty, Republic of Kazakhstan)

**Category Drawing** 

First Prize: Alisa Nikishina (Almaty, Republic of Kazakhstan)

Second Prize: Daiki Hayashi (Iwanaga Shuho town, Mine city, Yamaguchi prefecture, Japan) Jan Tagbergenov (Almaty, Republic of Kazakhstan)

Third Prize:
Erke Nakisbekova
(Almaty, Republic
of Kazakhstan)
Yuto Mishima
(Iwanaga Shuho town,
Mine city, Yamaguchi
prefecture, Japan)
Ernest Badikyan
(Yerevan, Republic
of Armenia)

Encouragement:
Areg Balasanyan
(Yerevan, Republic
of Armenia)
Karina Altaeva
(Almaty, Republic
of Kazakhstan)
Hibiki Takayama
(Iwanaga Shuho town,
Mine city, Yamaguchi
prefecture, Japan)
Helena Laganovska
(Riga, Latvia)

Category Multimedia presentation

Second prize: Akvilė Montrimaitė, Gintautė Pieslekaitė (Gargždai, Lithuania) Patricia Obajdin (Slunj, Croatia)

Third prize:
Danail Hadzhiev
(v. Mogilitsa, Smolyan,
Bulgaria)

Encouragement: Kirill Mokshin (Samara, Russia) Bilger Yahov (Ruse, Bulgaria)

Category Mulitmedia presentations (University students)

First prize: Nina Pivcevic (Zagreb, Croatia) Category Video-clip

First prize: Evelina Mikoleiko (Vilnius, Lithuania)

Encouragement:
Roland Engel
(Haabneeme, Harjumaa,
Estonia)

Category My Unusual Lesson

First prize: Smiljana Baran (Zagreb, Croatia) Reneta Valkova (Sofia, Bulgaria)

Encouragement:
Marina Martinova,
Nina Zinchenko
and Natalya Shkuratova
(Tomsk, Russia)

Category Nature-Lovers -Photograpers

Third prize: Anna Parvanova (Plovdiv, Bulgaria)

Encouragement: Aleksandra Sidorova (Voskresensk, Russia) Marin Ivanov (Pleven, Bulgaria)

**Special Cases** 

Encouragement:
Project
Darya Suntsova
(Sarov, Russia)
Essay
Ladislav Kubišta
(Ústí nad Orlicí,
Czech republic)
Drawing
Svetlana Shkuratova
(Voskresensk, Russia)



# ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

We express our sincere gratitude to the people who contributed to the organization of this competition for their hard work.

We thank all contestants for their interesting works and the compelling emotion expressed in them. We sincerely hope that karst will continue to inspire them.

We owe special thanks to all members of the International Jury for their responsibility and high professionalism evaluating the competition works.

The competition has been supported by UNESCO through an approved project within the 2012-2013 Program for participation, entitled "ProKARSTerra - integration btween the research concept of Karst geosystems and educational concept "Lifelong Learning" (on the example of model protected karst areas)". Most of the ideas and discussion results were reported at the 16th International Congress of Speleology, July 21-28, Brno, Czech Republic ("ProKARSTerra-Edu" – a karst-educational project) and at the IGU Kyoto Regional Conference, August 4-9, 2013, Japan (International competition "Karst under protection – gift for the future generations" as a part of the educational strategy "ProKARSTerra-Edu").

We have seen a lot of preparation and genuine enthusiasm for the development of the competition works. We would like to express our sincere gratitude to all participants. We remain with the hope they will keep their interest in karst and its secrets. And what could be better if after a time they become our colleagues in Karstology...

Peter Stefanov Competition initiator and chief organizer



### INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION "KARST UNDER PROTECTION – GIFT FOR THE FUTURE GENERATIONS" EXHIBITION CATALOG (2005, 2012)

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