

**Underwater Images 2005
Photo/Video Competition Final Results**

BEST OF SHOW

Sponsored by Aquatic Encounters, the *FeBrina*, and the Walindi Plantation, PNG
Mirko Zanni, Gordola, Switzerland- Big Encounter

CONSERVATION CATEGORY

First: Viora Alessio, Borgomanero, Italy- Luna in Rete
Second: Robert Whorton, Staffs, England- One Bad Habit Leads to Another
Third: John F. Williams, Suquamish, WA- Beach Seining (Video)
Honorable Mention: Leslie Richter, Mill Valley, CA- Devastation

VIDEO CATEGORY

First: Mike Boom, Oakland, CA- Why We Visit
Second: Matt Brandt, Los Angeles, CA- Fishy Behavior
Third: Walter Marti, Mission Viejo, CA- Life & Loves of the Opisthobranch
Honorable Mention: Ron Kuznetz, Plainview, NY- Close Encounters of the Unusual Kind
Steve Cohen, Annandale, VA- Night Dive Testimonial
Bob Gladden, San Diego, CA- Drifter of the Deep Blue Sea

WIDE ANGLE NOVICE CATEGORY

First Place: Mike Roberts, Kihei, HI- Turtle in the Sun
Second Place: Ruth VanSciver, Los Gatos, CA- Whale Shark & Friends
Third Place: Patrick Barry, Eagan, MN- Dosojos Cave Entrance (Mexico)
Honorable Mention: Mike Roberts, Kihei, HI- Frog in the Sun
Joe Hoyt, Marblehead, OH- Stingrays
Cor Bosman, Amsterdam, Holland- Michelle

WIDE ANGLE OPEN CATEGORY

First Place: Mirko Zanni, Gordola, Switzerland- Ocean in Motion
Second Place: Mirko Zanni, Gordola, Switzerland- The Rock
Third Place: Matthias Blaettler, Quartino, Switzerland- Anemone Light
Honorable Mention: Marc Shargel, Felton, CA- Sea Nettle on Blue
Virginia Bria, Fairfax, CA- 3 Strikes, You're Out
Alessandro Dodi, Milano, Italy- Pacific Gas

MACRO/CLOSE-UP NOVICE CATEGORY

First Place: Emma Turner, Joslin, S. Australia- Portrait of a Lady
Second Place: Adriano Morettin, Trieste, Italy- Neon's Shrimp
Third Place: Adriano Morettin, Trieste, Italy- Pigmy
Honorable Mention: Donald Hughes, Stewartville, MN- Starburst
Julie Edwards, Amsterdam, Holland- Bozo

MACRO/CLOSE-UP OPEN CATEGORY

First Place: Mirko Zanni, Gordola, Switzerland- Denise
Second Place: Paolo Bausani, Porto Stefano, Italy- Squid
Third Place: Judy Johnson, Irving, TX- King of the Tunicate
Honorable Mention: Robert Whorton, Staffs, England- We're A Couple

MAJESTIC CATEGORY

First Place: Ernst Seeling, Vienna, Austria- Bonaire
Second: Alessandro Dodi, Milano, Italy- Absolut
Third: Wesley Underwood, Westminster, CO- King of the Sankisan Maru

TOGETHERNESS CATEGORY

First: Mirko Zanni, Gordola, Switzerland- Star Dancer
Second: Robert Schrager, New York, NY- Mouthful
Third: Robert Whorton, Staffs, England- The Cuddle
Honorable Mention: George Bogard, Rockwall, TX- Sue with Stonefish
Keri Wilk, Ontario, Canada- Father/Son Picnic
Bob Spiers, Pinole, CA- Harlequin Shrimp
Mike Roberts, Kihei, HI- Entourage
Leslie Richter, Mill Valley, CA- Hitchhiker

OHIO COMPETITION

First: Joe Hoyt, Marblehead, OH- Stingrays
Second: Gary DeMont, Reynoldsburg, OH- Mandarinfish
Third: Cliff Lemmerhirt, Wapakoneta, OH- Eternity
Honorable Mention: Cliff Lemmerhirt, Wapakoneta, OH- In the Looking Glass
Bill Libecap, Cincinnati, Ohio- We're Not Talking
Andrew Dennis, Hilliard, OH- Magical Waters of Roatan (Video)

From the Director:

Thanks to all entrants, judges, and sponsors. Your participation is an integral part of this competition, and is greatly appreciated. Competitions of this type, share divers' own visions of the underwater world, and serve to promote good conservation practices. They also highlight some of the world's best diving destinations. These winning shots will be posted on our website, www.uwimages.org as soon as possible.

Prizes were set before the judging according to their values and the number of entries in the respective categories. Proceeds go to marine educational and scholarship purposes. This past year we again sponsored former sea turtle fishermen from Baja, Mexico to attend the International Sea Turtle Symposium through the non-profit organization, ProPeninsula www.ProPeninsula.org, where they learned about the conservation of this endangered animal. They then returned home to teach other sea turtle fishermen and local communities about the importance of protecting the sea turtles of the world. Through ProPeninsula, we also supported the Sixth Annual Baja California Sea Turtle Group meeting in Loreto, BCS, Mexico in support of East Coast sea turtle conservation efforts.

We are also continuing to support Mahonia Na Dari, a Nature Conservancy program for students in Papua New Guinea, where they learn true conservation and preservation principles with hands-on experiences.

Lastly, we are supporting the Ohio Council of Skin and Scuba Diving, Inc. (OCSSDI) Memorial Scholarship. This scholarship is awarded to a member in good standing of OCSSDI in order to pursue careers related to marine biology, underwater archaeology, and other related fields.

As we are all volunteers in these contests and they are just for fun, we hope everyone enjoyed our friendly competition this year. I'll be looking forward to your entries next year. Safe Diving and Shooting. *Sea Ya!*

Roger Roth, Director