

PRESS RELEASE



Announcing the Verdict of the International Competition in The Spirit of Strzelecki

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Kosciuszko Heritage Inc., the organizer of the competition is proud to announce the contents of the Verdict. Members of the jury, having evaluated 182 submissions sent from 9 countries, decided to award 50 prizes in total, including 33 awards in the Adult Category and 17 in the Youth Category (12-18).

Amongst the Adults, 20 prizes were awarded for songs pointing out to the popularity of this form of creativity.

Amongst the Youth Fine Arts Category proved most popular – 11 entries awarded.

The geographic diversification was most visible in the Fin Arts category – the entries came from Russia, Uzbekistan, Lithuania and USA.

Surprisingly, Strzelecki’s sweetheart Ayna Turno proved very popular, being present in 10 songs, 7 paintings, and her spirit present in almost every poem.

In total, \$25,900.00 was spent on the awards.

Soon after the Competition Gala we embark on producing an E-BOOK with a selection of songs, poems and images. It will be distributed worldwide via internet.

May we offer our heartfelt thanks to all those who participated in the competition by building a unique “monument” to P.E. Strzelecki, an explorer, discoverer, scientist, humanitarian and a friend of Aborigines.

Dr Ernestyna Skurjat-Kozek

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ernestyna Skurjat-Kozek', written in a cursive style.

President of Kosciuszko Heritage Inc.