

International Birdwatching and Naturalistic Tourism Fair

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Nature at a snap in the International Birdwatching and Naturalistic Tourism Fair: Award ceremony of the Contest Asferico 2007 on next 28th April

COMACCHIO (Fe). The International Birdwatching and Naturalistic Tourism Fair, being held from 28th April to 1st May in Comacchio, in the very heart of Po Delta Park Emilia-Romagna, is a yearly rendez-vous with naturalistic photography for lovers, experts and also for those approaching the photo world with only a small camera or a cell phone.

As in the past years, visitors can join workshops, discussions, lessons or walks dedicated to photography, as well as watch slideshows or buy and test the best cameras on the market. They can though find some new 2007 entries: photo exhibitions and the contest Delta in Focus, which will award winners with rich and useful prizes to enjoy their passion.

You can't miss the images in the **exhibition** of the International Contest of Naturalistic Photography **Asferico 2007**. Hosted in the suggestive building of Manifattura dei Marinati, the exhibition shows nature in its various aspects and its immense diversity: the categories in which the contest is divided into are in fact Landscape, Landscape in Italian Parks or protected areas, Mammals, Birds, Other animals, Plants, Compositions and shapes. Not to be forgotten is the theme of the year: ice.

This exhibition is the result of a selection among more than 4500 images by 246 Italian and foreign participants. A difficult choice because of the high quality of the images, as the prestigious jury of naturalistic photographers (Klaus Nigge, Hugo Wasserman, Manuel Presti, Paolo Paolucci, Alfred Waldner) has pointed out: this is another aspect of this Italian contest to be proud of! Meet the winners of the contest, sponsored by Lowepro, Nikon e Swarovski, during the award ceremony held on **28th April, at 6.30 pm.**

If you are ready to test yourself, you can take part in the photo contest **Delta in focus**: just send your best naturalistic shots to DELTA 2000 before April 16th. (You can download the regulations and the participation form from the website www.podeltabirdfair.it.) These are the categories in which the contest is divided: Avifauna, Landscape, Plants and flowers, Macro, Series of pictures. Prizes are worth

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more than 6.000 Euros and include binoculars, tripods, heads, fieldscopes, eyepieces, brackets, cameras, subscription to specialized magazines; in other words, all the necessary kit to go and enjoy taking photographs offered by the best companies: Auriga, Bogen Imaging, Bushnell, Foto Cult, Kata, Manfrotto, Nikon Sport Optics, Staroptics, Steiner, Swarovski, Salmoiraghi & Vigano, Zeiss e Yashica – all brands assuring best quality standards.

In the Exhibition Village along the Argine Fattibello visitors can also visit ***Davanti e dietro l'immagine*** (*In front of and behind the image*), an exhibition describing the territory, the tricks, the difficulties and the techniques to catch “that moment”; it’s a “journey” through naturalistic photography, as seen by those who have been living it for over 20 years. Also visit at the Museo natuRa of Sant’Alberto ***I signori delle valli. Immagini da Boscoforte a Volta Scirocco*** (*The masters of the valleys. Images from Boscoforte to Volta Scirocco*), a photo exhibition of more than 40 pictures by the photographers Pansecchi e Bianchedi, showing an unique and fascinating ecosystem, the Boscoforte oasis, which will be exceptionally open to the public on May 1st.

Each evening, to celebrate these days full of images and photos, reach the wonderful frame of the Trepponti area in Comacchio and enjoy the **digital slideshows** made by important naturalistic photographers: images and sounds showing the river Po Delta and Nature.

You can download the programme of the fair and the regulation of the contest *Delta in focus* from the website www.podeltabirdfair.it.

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