

The Second Annual
Vladimir Devidé
Haiku Award

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About Vladimir Devidé

Despite a successful international academic career as a renowned mathematician, with professorships in Australia and the US, as well as his native Croatia at the University of Zagreb, it is primarily as a Japanologist and haiku poet that Vladimir Devidé is now remembered. Devidé was not only one of the world's most celebrated haiku poets, but a tireless promoter of Japanese culture. If Croatia is now considered a Haiku "superpower", with more poets practicing the art per capita than any other nation, it is largely thanks to his efforts.

A full member of the Croatian Academy of Sciences and Arts, Vladimir Devidé has won a number of awards and honours, including the Le Prix CIDALC (1977), the Prize of the City of Zagreb (1982), and for his work as a promoter of Japanese culture, the Japanese Order of the Sacred Treasure (1983). Vladimir Devidé died in August 2010, and this competition pays tribute to his vision and passion for haiku.

About the Award

Founder and Judge: Drago Štambuk, Croatia

Number of entries: 208 from 28 countries, 7 of unknown origin. The highest number of entries from Croatia: 75; 36% ; second USA: 30; 14%; third Serbia: 19; 9%; fourth / fifth Bosnia & Herzegovina and UK: 8; 4%)

Organizer: IAFOR, Librasia (2nd Conference on Literature and Librarianship), Osaka, Japan, April 5-8, 2012

The Vladimir Devidé Haiku Award is for haiku regardless of whether traditional or modern; it transcends haiku divisions and is based on literary merit only.

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Grand Prize, shared by two authors

on the steps
of the Freedom Memorial,
a discarded snake skin

Anthony Kudryavitsky, Ireland

The rocking chair –
a young pregnant woman
swings her big belly

Tomislav Maretić, Croatia

Runners up

On top of the cliff
couple prepares to take leap –
ocean front wedding

William T. Shehan IV, USA

from shadow
to shadow
a ferret

Margaret Beverland, New Zealand

Twilight

loosened flesh longs

for the earth...

Susan Daily, USA

evening snow...

two figures coming

up the hill

Timothy Russell, USA

Ninety-nine friends

drinkin' coffee all alone

nobody's on-line.

Andrea Popov Miletić, Serbia

autumn sunset -
a field mouse nibbles
at my shadow's heart

Earl R. Keener, USA

Wrought iron flowers –
only the time is visiting
my mothers grave.

Iulian Ciupitu, Romania

A bus full of men
is heading to the new factory.
The driver looks tired.

Darko Popovski, Skopje-Macedonia

barflies

like fireflies

but full of lies

Daniel Gahnertz, Sweden

Commended

karst terrain

a road through vastness –

bleating only...

Nada Jačmenica, Croatia

contention seed

doesn't sprout just everywhere –

Buddha's smile

Dragan J. Ristić, Serbia

late at night
tapping at my window –
the same lonely sparrow

Saša Važić, Serbia

sea death
a bouquet of roses
washed ashore

John Tiong Chunghoo, Malaysia

all night long
pointing to the stars
hatless scarecrow

Boris Nazansky, Croatia

Solitude –

only the wild flowers fragrances

cross the house threshold

Constantin Stroe, Romania

first frost

her lipstick smudges

bone china

John Parsons, United Kingdom

a beggar sleeps

tin cup full of cat urine –

spring dawns just so

Malte Blegvad, Denmark

frozen puddle –
a stray dog licking
his tongue

Đurđa Vukelić Rožić, Croatia

a homeless man
on the midnight mass –
warmth of a home

Marija Pogorilić, Croatia