

## **SPELEOFILMFESTIVAL 2023.**

(projekcije filmova)

OSMICA Karlovac, društvo za planinarenje, istraživanje i očuvanje prirodoslovnih vrijednosti

Figure EIGHT: Society for mountaineering, research and conservation of natural values

By being one of a very few festivals covering speleology topics in the world, the festival has already been given national and international recognition for its quality and consistency. Throughout the years the festival has been supported by the city of Karlovac, the Speleological Commission of the Croatian Mountaineering Association, Croatian Speleological Federation, Zagreb speleological union and Cinema club Karlovac. It introduced authors and more than 150 films from Argentina, Austria, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brazil, Dominican Republic, Montenegro, Finland, France, Croatia, Iran, Italy, Canada, Colombia, Hungary, Malaysia, Moldova, Germany, Pakistan, Poland, Romania, Russia, Slovenia, Slovakia, Spain, Sweden, USA, Turkey and Great Britain.

Speleological film has a significant role in speleological exploration because of its ability to present authentic underground environment in all its beauty, previously accessible only to a small number of specially trained people – speleologists. The value of recorded scenes beyond the surface is even greater if observed from non-specialized viewer's perspective. Films displayed in recent festivals showed viewers all the beauty of speleological decorations and hidden touristic possibilities the underground holds. They presented the diverse life beyond the surface, acknowledged as one of the bearers of biodiversity in Croatia. They exhibited the results and valuable scientific information from many speleological explorations and expeditions to different, exotic parts of the world and a lot more.

The Speleo Film Festival aims to acquaint fellow speleologists and documentary lovers with all the work and effort put into making a speleological film and possibly attract some future underground explorers among interested viewers.

Themes 2023. :

- Speleological exploration
- Science & speleology
- Biospeleology
- Cave diving
- Cave protection
- Caves & tourism

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