



Submissions to the sixteenth Beni Trutmann photo contest form the basis of a show that opened Monday in Sant Francesc's municipal exhibition space. Winners were also honoured at the show's Sala d'Exposicions vernissage. The selection of photos remains on display weekdays, 11.00am to 2.00pm and 6.00pm to 8.00pm, through May 12.

Since its genesis, the contest named for Beni Trutmann has covered island nature in all its forms—landscapes, flora and fauna, and humans' interaction with the natural world. In the 16 years since the competition was created as a way to pay tribute to the photographer who left the island with a legacy of over thirty thousand photos, it has become increasingly difficult to imagine local photography without also evoking the contest itself.

Twenty-six local photographers took part in this year's competition. Aside from the classic categories of *Black and White* and *Colour*, some of the contestants' 76 submitted prints were featured in an altogether new category — *Fotodenúncia* for politically-charged work in service of social or environmental justice. No fewer than 54 youth aged 12 to 18 submitted photos (a total of 125 of them) to the *Smart phone* category. A panel of judges unanimously picked the following winners.

Winners – Colour

First prize: Jaime Franch Rojo - 500 euros
Second prize: Wolfgang Wicher - 300 euros
Third prize: Joan Ribas Ferrer - 200 euros

Winners – Black and White

First prize: Iria Sánchez Rodríguez - 500 euros

Second prize: Maurizio Lamberti - 300 euros

Third prize: Josep López Vañó - 200 euros

Winner – Fotodenúncia

First prize: Juan Juan Juan - 500 euros

Winners – Smart phone

First prize: Natalia González Lacasa (Polaroid SNAP instant camera)

Second prize: Ainoa Bolívar Rescalvo (Polaroid Cube action camera)

Third prize: Joao Gonçalves Rouanet (Polaroid IF045 sport camera)

Culture secretary Susana Labrador extended her thanks to everyone who presented submissions as well as the panelists enlisted to pick this year's winners—“no easy task”, she confided.