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Second Arab Open Underwater Photography Championship

Aqaba - Jordan

From 10 - 15 March 2023

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The Competition was made from 10th to 15th of March 2023 by The Royal Jordanian Marine Sports Federation with coordination of Arab Diving Federation and under the CMAS rules and regulations for Underwater Photography.

The competition aims to link diving and tourism with the promotion of marine attractions and marine life in the Gulf of Aqaba, which is characterized by the presence of more than 510 species of brightly colored fish and 157 species of hard coral.

The Jordanian photographers, who won the underwater photography competition, were able to add more than 100 new photos of the marine life in the Gulf of Aqaba, which is considered one of the most beautiful environments on earth due to its rare biodiversity. These activities will be an extension of a group of events that will be held throughout the year with the aim of promoting the marine environment through underwater photography competitions and showing the most beautiful features of the depths of the Gulf of coral reefs and aesthetic contents in the various regions of Aqaba.

The championship will also be an important sporting tourist attraction, stressing that the professional photos taken in the depths of the Gulf will be printed and distributed to tourist destinations as a kind of tourism promotion for the Gulf of Aqaba and the sport of diving, which is characterized by the southern coast of the Gulf of Aqaba on the Red Sea.

The Competition aims to inspire local and Arab photographers to focus on the Aqaba's underwater beauty and natural attractions, centred on Jordanian coast of the Gulf of Aqaba, Many underwater photography professionals from the Arab region participated, and the tournament expressed the spirit of brotherhood and unity among brothers.

To emphasise how seriously the competing teams take this event, all participants have been in Aqaba for some time before the official start of the contest, carrying out training dives to figure out how to maximise the opportunities.

The Competition includes four main categories:

1. Wide Angel.
2. Wide Angel with diver.
3. Macro (close up).
4. Photo with theme.

Photographers who met the initial criteria were evaluated by an Evaluation Committee. The Evaluation Committee evaluated all photos within the four categories.

List of Divers:

Num.	Diver Name	Buddy Name	Country
1	Hussam Nasef	From the organization	Egypt
2	Amir Fayed	From the organization	Egypt
3	Omar Momani	Shaer Allozi	Jordan
4	Karim Azarat	Mahmoud Sobehi	Jordan
5	Yazan Alsaed	From the organization	Jordan
6	Mohammed Qatawneh	Eman Albuseli	Jordan
7	Lina Abdallah	Hamza Momani	Jordan
8	Zaid Alnaser	Bader Alattar	Kuwait
9	Hussain Alqallaf	Ali Salem	Kuwait
10	Rashed Almarshod	Abdullah Alkandary	Kuwait
11	Samer Halawani	From the organization	Lebanon
12	Mario Lahhoud	From the organization	Lebanon
13	Abbas Shihada	Adam Shihada	Palestine
14	Amjad Dkaidek	Lutfi Farah	Palestine

The Competition's Program:

Date	Activity	Place
11 March 2023	Technical Meeting	Ayla Oasis Company
11 March 2023	Diving Test	Dive Sites
12 March 2023	The first day of the Underwater Photography Competition	Underwater Military Museum
13 March 2023	The first day of the Underwater Photography Competition	King Abdullah Reef & Ship Wreck Cedar Pride
14 March 2023	Awards Ceremony	Hyatt Regency Hotel

Final Results:

Category 1: Wide Angel

Num	Photographer Name	Buddy Name	Country	Total Point (135)
1	Lina Abdallah	Hamza Momani	Jordan	135
2	Mohammed Qatawneh	Eman Albuseli	Jordan	126
3	Amir Fayed	From the organization	Egypt	107
4	Omar Momani	Shaer Allozi	Jordan	93
5	Abbas Shihada	Adam Shihada	Palestine	90
6	Zaid Alnaser	Bader Alattar	Kuwait	89
7	Hussam Nasef	From the organization	Egypt	53
8	Amjad Dkaidek	Lutfi Farah	Palestine	51
9	Mario Lahhoud	From the organization	Lebanon	48

Category 2: Wide Angle with Diver

Num.	Photographer Name	Buddy Name	Country	Total Point (135)
1	Lina Abdallah	Hamza Momani	Jordan	133
2	Amir Fayed	From the organization	Egypt	117
3	Zaid Alnaser	Bader Alattar	Kuwait	114
4	Yazan Alsaed	From the organization	Jordan	110
5	Abbas Shihada	Adam Shihada	Palestine	108
6	Omar Momani	Shaer Allozi	Jordan	104
7	Rashed Almarshod	Abdullah Alkandary	Kuwait	99
8	Hussain Alqallaf	Ali Salem	Kuwait	85
9	Mohammed Qatawneh	Eman Albuseli	Jordan	86
10	Amjad Dkaidek	Lutfi Farah	Palestine	69
11	Samer Halawani	From the organization	Lebanon	55

Category 3: Macro (Close Up)

Num	Photographer Name	Buddy Name	Country	Total Point (135)
1	Hussam Nasef	From the organization	Egypt	134
2	Zaid Alnaser	Bader Alattar	Kuwait	126
3	Amir Fayed	From the organization	Egypt	120
4	Samer Halawani	From the organization	Lebanon	119
5	Hussain Alqallaf	Ali Salem	Kuwait	113
6	Mario Lahhoud	From the organization	Lebanon	111
7	Mohammed Qatawneh	Eman Albuseli	Jordan	106
8	Lina Abdallah	Hamza Momani	Jordan	104
9	Abbas Shihada	Adam Shihada	Palestine	96
10	Omar Momani	Shaer Allozi	Jordan	88
10	Karim Azarat	Mahmoud Sobehi	Jordan	88
11	Yazan Alsaed	From the organization	Jordan	84
12	Rashed Almarshod	Abdullah Alkandary	Kuwait	75
13	Amjad Dkaidek	Lutfi Farah	Palestine	60

Category 4: Photo with theme

Num	Photographer Name	Assistant name	Country	Total Point (135)
1	Rashed Almarshod	Abdullah Alkandary	Kuwait	108
2	Yazan Alsaed	From the organization	Jordan	98
3	Samer Halawani	From the organization	Lebanon	90
4	Hussain Alqallaf	Ali Salem	Kuwait	43
5	Hussam Nasef	From the organization	Egypt	44
6	Mario Lahhoud	From the organization	Lebanon	39

Winning Photos by Categories:

Wide Angle

First place – Miss. Lina Abdallah – Jordan



Second place – Mr. Mohammed Qatawneh – Jordan



Third place – Mr. Amir Fayed – Egypt



Wide Angle with Diver

First place – Miss. Lina Abdallah – Jordan



Second place – Mr. Amir Fayed – Egypt



Third place – Mr. Zaid Al-Naser – Kuwait



Macro (Close Up)

First place – Mr. Hussam Nasef – Egypt



Second place – Mr. Zaid Alnaser – Kuwait



Third place – Mr. Amir Fayed – Egypt



Photo with theme

First place – Mr. Rashed Almarshod – Kuwait



Second place – Mr. Yazan Alsaed – Jordan



Third place – Mr. Samer Halawani – Lebanon



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