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Statement of the Jury for the student award of the GIEFF 2020

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Manfred Krüger Student Award

“Lukomir, My Home” by Manca Filak and Žiga Gorišek

(Slovenia 2019, 61 Minutes)

The technological developments of cameras since the day and age of celluloid film, and the advent of first analogue and then digital video, have been enormous. Although Manfred, in whose name this award is given, was with us until relatively recently, he would probably have been astonished by the increase in the image quality of even the tiniest cameras used nowadays. He would probably have said that it is not yet as good as film, but almost. However, as the old dictum goes, cameras don't take pictures!

It has been a tremendous task to go through a total of 17 films to find the winner of this year's GIEFF Manfred Krüger Student Award. Generally speaking, the camera skills and talent have been mind-boggling. We believe this, among other reasons, is due to the results of an increasing number of ethnographic film and visual anthropology courses around the world. Although we have, for obvious Manfred reasons, had camera work as a particular focus in our assessment of films, we have also tried to capture what is perhaps best described as 'the spirit of Manfred.' Not only was he a master cameraman but also one of the most social, pleasant, helpful and generous persons one could imagine, and we truly believe this shined through his own camerawork, reflecting his close relationship and rapport with the people with whom he was filming. About to announce the winner of this year's award, evidently the film that we found, when counting all parameters, best reflected Manfred's spirit, it may be a curious piece of information for you to know that among the first camerawork Manfred himself conducted, in his young days, before his eminent career at IWF, was a project in which he filmed shepherds in Croatia, in the Balkans.

The winner of this year's GIEFF Manfred Krüger Student Award is...
Lukomir, my home, made by Manca Filak and Žiga Gorišek.

Congratulations!

(Virtual) Göttingen, 15 May 2020