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EUROPEAN HAIKU PRIZE

WINNERS ANNOUNCEMENT

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The Judging Panel of the first edition of the **European Haiku Prize (EHP)**, composed by the following members:

- **Luca Cenisi** (Italy, EHS President)
- **Gabriel Rosenstock** (Ireland, poet, haikuist and translator)
- **Garry Eaton** (Canada, haiku poet, Digital Librarian of The Haiku Foundation)
- **Yasuko Anami** (Japan, haiku poet, haibunist and essayist)

after careful consideration and evaluation of over **1,600 haiku poems** sent from **79 Countries** worldwide, has decreed as follows.

WINNERS

1st Prize: Ramesh Anand (India)

வசந்தக்கால சூரிய மறைவு
மான் குட்டியின் சுவாசத்தில்
சுருளாகும் குளம்

spring sunset
the breath of a fawn
ripples the pond

2nd Prize: Maria Tomczak (Poland)

apiary
the deeper silence
of falling snow

3rd Prize (tied): Lavana Kray (Romania)

boatload of refugees...
the wind plays with a doll
on the shore

3rd Prize (tied): Meik Blöthenberger (U.S.A.)

golden hour
a muster of storks
in step with the sun

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HONORABLE MENTIONS

drought-
the farmer digs
into his breath

Adjei Agyei-Baah (Ghana)

hanging valley
a nameless tarn
contains sky

Barbara Strang (New Zealand)

weathered barn
the silence of cobwebs
in moonlight

Debbie Strange (Canada)

recession-
crackling leaves
in the fireplace

Goran Gatalica (Croatia)

open-air theatre
lightning splits
the crowd

Helen Buckingham (U.K.)

DISTINGUISHED POETS (EHS ANTHOLOGY)

children's party
balloons are still too high
for the cat

Alexey Andreev (Russia)

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*tidvatten
jag undrar
över månen*

tide rolling in
I wonder
about the moon

Anna Maris (Sweden)

blossoming cherry
yet no one chose
this path

Anna Mazurkiewicz (Poland)

blizzard ends...
i rearrange the flowers
on his grave

Archana Kapoor Nagpal (India)

funeral-
the dog's howls
follow the wind

flight of a butterfly-
a blind man asks me
the colour of the wind

Christiane Ranieri (France)

hard winter
a child learns to write
on the window

Diana Petkova (Bulgaria)

spring sunrise-
birdsong encircles
the raindrops

Elizabeth McFarland (Germany)

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lonely days...
i draw the map of nowhere
in the sand

myself looking at
myself in the mirror--
mid autumn rain

Emmanuel Jessie Kalusian (Nigeria)

termite
the curvature
of a gourd

Ernest J. Berry (New Zealand)

summer rain--
an origami frog
on the hammock

Gabriele Stella (Italy)

sunday morning fly
our zen buddhist principles
all over the place

John Hawkhead (U.K.)

snake charmer--
the Milky Way settles
on a river

Judit Katalin Hollós (Hungary)

cold wind...
fluttering on the table
origami ducks

on the side
where mist remains...
a dog barks

Kanchan Chatterjee (India)

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*nocna wichura–
gwiazdozbiór Oriona
na swoim miejscu*

night storm–
Orion constellation
in the right place

Krzysztof Kokot (Poland)

end of the year–
only the snow
on the empty swing

Leonardo Lazzari (Italy)

spring rain–
a baby frog's first
swimming lesson

Liana Vasilache (Romania)

summer ritual...
dancing around flowers
mother's fingers

Ljubomir Dragovic (Bosnia and Herzegovina)

Valentine's Day
my footprints on the snow
without a pair

Magda Sobieszek (Poland)

morning fog
I drive a spoon
through my coffee

Malintha Perera (Sri Lanka)

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fresh snow–
traces of a homeless
to somewhere

Marek Kozubek (Poland)

linden's shade
a man and a pigeon
share breakfast

Marina Bellini (Italy)

rendezvous–
sharing a ripe mango
lips to lips

Mark Miller (Australia)

sultry sun
lions sleeping off
a zebra

Meik Blöttenberger (U.S.A.)

cold summer
still with its label
a flowered dress

Radka Koleva Mindova (Bulgaria)

heavy snow–
two orange necked birds
make the difference

Rita Odeh (Israel)

tea in a rough bowl
we open the window to rain

Sandra Simpson (New Zealand)

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window breath
the outside world a
sume-i painting

Steven Clarkson (New Zealand)

clear full moon–
a lantern in the park
filled with moths

Tomislav Maretic (Croatia)

winter reflection
the shadows of poplars
caught in the current

Tracy Davidson (U.K.)

spring thunder
cherry blossom rain
before the real storm

Zornitza Harizanova (Bulgaria)

SPECIAL PRIZE FOR HAIGA

Viktória Slemenská (Slovakia)

The Awards ceremony will take place on **September 10, 2016**, at the **Public Library of Pordenone (Italy), Piazza XX Settembre**.

The winning and mentioned poets who won't be able to attend the event will receive their prize to the address they indicated at the time of the submission.

On request, the EHS Secretary will provide them an accomodation in one of the EHS partner Hotels or Bed and Breakfasts.

If you have any further questions, please contact the European Haiku Society (EHS) at info@haikusociety.eu.