

ESAI Photography Competition 2009
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This year's ESAI Photographic Competition with the title "Biodiversity: The original life support system" attracted over fifty entries from as far afield as the USA, Malta, Bangladesh and India.

The prizes will be officially awarded at the Environ 2010 colloquium in Limerick in February, where the winning entries will be exhibited; the winner will receive a voucher for €250 for www.pixel.ie, the photography online store, kindly sponsored by the Environmental Research Institute at UCC, along with their winning entry being professionally framed and published in the Lonely Planet magazine and free membership to the ESAI for 2010.

Given the number of entries, and the interest in participation, the competition closing date was extended to 31st November 2009. The photographs were judged on the combination of their subject, quality and appropriateness of caption. The results of the competition were as follows:



1st Prize: "Autumn Harvest " by Noel Brown, Waterford



Runner Up: "Bug Eyes" by Eleanor Bennett, Cheshire



Runner Up: "Glendalough" by Brona Zabkova, Dublin

ESAI Photographic Competition 2009 was judged by David Ruffles (see www.davidruffles.com).

David Ruffles is a photographer based in Galway, Ireland. His work is diverse with a unique, strong & "quirky" narrative style. He currently takes commissions from magazines such as The Observer Magazine, Construct Ireland, Guardian, Inshore Ireland, Agence VU, Management Today as well as many other media, government, corporate & private clients. He graduated from Birmingham Institute of Art & Design with an MA in Photography & lectures part time in Third Level sector in Ireland. Working on self initiated & commissioned projects for publication & exhibition his work is held in collections here & the UK.