

News, Travel & Events

Arturo Telle will be the fourth Master of the El Hierro Open Fotosub



The Grancanarian photographer originally from Germany, Arturo Telle has been confirmed by the organization as the Master of the Maroma team in the 18th Team Edition Open Fotosub of El Hierro, that will be celebrated this October.

One of the most awarded European photographers of the last decade, Arturo is a classic choice for the Open Fotosub, an event in which

he has the record of victories after proclaiming himself as the winner on four occasions, including the last one in 2013.

Apart for the numerous awards in other prestigious open competitions, such as the Eilat Red Sea or the Lanzarote Open, Arturo has been Spanish Champion in 2008 and Worldwide Sub Champion in 2011.

www.openfotosub.es

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Eilat, Red Sea Live Broadcasts

This September, the Eilat Red Sea production will be carrying out two interesting live broadcasts, which will be featured online.

The first live broadcast will be on September 12th celebrating the vibrant contribution of shipwrecks to the sea, as artificial reefs.

The second live broadcast will be carried out on September 13th. We'll be broadcasting the official awards ceremony of the Eilat Red Sea international underwater photo competition, which takes place in Eilat, Israel. During the ceremony and for the first time ever in the



diving industry, judges will be voting in real time for the 2014 Underwater Photography Global Championship and the champion team will be announced.

www.eilatredsea.com

Dive with Great Hammerheads & Bull Sharks in Bimini

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2014 international Travel Photographer of the Year awards open for entry

The 2014 international Travel Photographer of the Year awards (TPOTY) are open for entry. With three portfolio categories, three single image categories, a New Talent award, HD video category and the Travel Photographer of the Year and Young Travel Photographer of the Year titles to win, amateur and professional photographers of all ages and from all countries have plenty of themes and options to choose from. Entries close on October 1st.

The winning photographers will have the privilege of seeing their shots displayed at a major exhibition at London's Royal Geographical Society (with IBG) in 2015.

The awards will be judged by a hugely respected international panel, including Daria Bonera, photo agency director and photo editor and editorial coordinator for 'Touring' - National Geographic Traveler Italy, award-winning photographer and picture editor Eamonn McCabe, wildlife photographer Chris Weston,



Manfred Zollner, deputy Editor in Chief of FOTOMagazin (Germany), and Caroline Metcalfe, photography director of Condé Nast Traveller.

The overall winner of TPOTY – the Travel Photographer of the Year 2014 - will receive £2,500 and a Plastic Sandwich personalised leather print book or iPad case. In addition, they will receive a private showcase of their travel photography at next year's Travel Photographer of the Year exhibition. The 2013 exhibition attracted over 48,000 visitors in just five weeks, so this presents a fantastic opportunity for exposure for the winning photographer.

www.tpoty.com

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Dive into tomorrow's ocean The competition is now open !

CONTEST REGISTRATION OPENING FOR THE 41ST EDITION OF
THE WORLD FESTIVAL OF UNDERWATER PICTURE
OCTOBER 30 TO NOVEMBER 2 2014
PARC CHANOT, MARSEILLES - FRANCE

Set up in 1974, the World Festival of Underwater Picture is the only event of the kind worldwide. It gathers the best productions and the greatest specialists of the underwater and marine world.

The world Festival of Underwater picture is a major meeting for all the oceans' fanatics.

30 prizes are currently awarded to the best works with prize money of more than 30,000 euros. Apart from their outstanding quality, these audiovisual productions help to promote the underwater world and raise public awareness of this undeniably rich but extremely fragile environment.

The festival is present all over the world, namely with tours organised in France and abroad, during which prize-winning films of the latest edition are shown.



Films and photos competition, book, music, website or advertisement prize... The World Festival of Underwater Picture is open to both professionals and amateurs. This year a new category is proposed. Its aim is to allow every one to express himself on the marine world: films made with a smartphone (underwater or aerial video footage are accepted).

To get registered :
www.underwater-festival.com



For 40 years, the Festival has offered a programme of underwater films in contest, most of them unreleased. Activities, forum and photographs' exhibitions aimed at the general public and the scientific community. First scuba dive in pool, playful workshops, interactive games are an opportunity for young visitors to discover the underwater world in a fun way.

In 2014, the Festival theme will be :
"Ocean : future for Mankind"

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Wildscreen Festival October, 19-20th 2014



Wildscreen Film Festival is the world's largest and most prestigious international wildlife and environmental film festival.

Held in the city of Bristol, UK since 1982, the Wildscreen Film Festival has helped nurture and shape the natural history filmmaking industry as we know it today.

With more than 100 separate events, the Festival provides a first class programme of talks, masterclasses, workshops, film screenings, workshops and evening events.

Playing host to industry heavyweights, the Festival is also an essential international marketplace. Films are bought and

sold, commissions and collaborations are established, and new talent is discovered.

The Festival culminates in the prestigious Wildscreen Panda Awards - the 'Oscars' of the wildlife television and film industry - where filmmakers from across the globe get a chance to win the highest accolade in the industry, a Wildscreen Golden Panda.

Earlybird tickets for the Wildscreen Festival 2014 will be on sale from Thursday 12 June. These are only available for a limited time and offer a significant discount for getting in there early! .

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Wetpixel Tiger & Oceanic Whitetip shark trips

After a hiatus of a few years, Wetpixel will be returning to photograph and dive with the amazing shark populations of the Bahamas.

We are planning two trips for 2015, one to dive with tiger sharks (*Galeocerdo cuvier*) and one to dive with oceanic white tips (*Carcharhinus longimanus*).

In both cases, we will be diving with Epic Diving, who “specialize in unforgettable encounters with sharks” and have been responsible for a large number of the award winning images of sharks that have been produced recently. Both trips will be shore based, with day boats going out to the dive sites and will be designed to maximise photographic opportunities.

Wetpixel Tiger Sharks Expedition 2015.

This will run from 4–10 January 2015, and will be based in the town of Freeport (FPO). \$3,750.00.



Wetpixel Oceanic Whitetip Shark Expedition 2015

This will run from 12–18 April 2015, and will be based on Cat Island (flights into New Bight airport (TBI)). \$3,550.00.

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Tulamben, Bali Uw Imaging Intensive Workshop October 11-18



The beauty, mystery and wonder of Bali is legendary – this is an island that has a ceremonial event occurring somewhere on the island 365 days a year. Temples and offerings grace every nook and cranny of towns and countryside, while the people are quick to embrace visitors to their land.

The diving is no less amazing and wondrous – particularly in the relaxed and quiet northeast corner of Bali known as Tulamben. Join us for a spectacular week of diving, photography, education and all the magic Bali has to offer.

Workshop Leaders:

Chris Parsons is a pro underwater photographer currently residing in Fort Lauderdale, FL.

An early adopter of digital underwater with a science and software development background, he can bridge the gap between the creative and technical sides of today's image creation process. Chris is an integral part of the Nauticam team.

Elly Wray is an underwater photographer, scuba instructor, and Reef Photo & Video team member who honed her craft while living in the Cayman Islands.

Elly is an enthusiastic teacher who brings her background in diving, photography, graphic design, post-processing, and publishing together with her passion for the marine environment to create a well-rounded educational experience for her students.

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Worldwide Dive and Sail in the Galapagos



Worldwide Dive and Sail, the founders and owners of Siren Fleet Liveaboards, bring you the latest in liveaboard luxury with the launch of their new brand “Master Liveaboards”. The new fleet brand is designed to offer divers an even wider choice of diving destinations than that already provided by their Phinisi yachts plying the waters of the Indian and Pacific Oceans.

Master Liveaboards comes into being with the first yacht to be brought under the brand umbrella; “Galapagos Master”. She is currently in operation as the Deep Blue,

however in November 2014 she will be brought into dry dock for a refit and modernization by the experienced Worldwide Dive and Sail team, led by Frank Van der Linde.

Guests are offered a choice of lower deck, main deck or upper deck cabins – in a twin bed or double bed configuration. Prices for 7-nights start from US\$4750 per person, with 10-night trips from US\$6150 per person.

www.masterliveaboards.com

Great Hammerhead Sharks & Bull Sharks in Bimini January 25 - 31st 2015

Join
photographer
Gregory Sweeney
in the Bahamas on
the island of Bimini
for cageless dives
bringing you face
to face with great
hammerheads and
bull sharks.

Hammerheads migrate and aggregate in the warm, luminous waters off Bimini in the winter months so Gregory Sweeney has teamed up with the experts at Neal Watson’s dive center, the pioneers of hammerhead diving who have learned the secrets of where to look for these amazing creatures

The all inclusive dive package includes 5 boat days with 2 tank dives plus accommodation and food. The shallow depths allow for long dives and loads of close encounters and time with the hammerheads for photography and observing behavior. Guests will stay at a luxury marina and dive resort where we will stay in villas with water views. The resort features a marina, swimming pools, multiple restaurants and sushi bar, sports activities, and beach.



Gregory Sweeney is an accomplished underwater photographer who hosts many photo tours throughout the year including a Tiger Shark Dive, swimming with wild dolphins, humpback whales in Tonga, a manatee photography workshop, swimming with whale sharks, and a trip to the Gulf of Mexico Sardine Run with Sailfish. He also takes guests to his African safari lodge then to Cape Town for the jumping great white sharks and penguins. Guests benefit from his experience at finding great animal encounters, the best operators, and from his photography mentoring while on location.

www.gregorysweeney.com

Dive Lembeh
15th - 23rd Sept 2014



Lead by Paul Macdonald, downunderpix will be running an underwater photography focused dive trip to Lembeh, North Sulawesi on the 15th - 23rd September 2014.

North Sulawesi is known as The Land of Smiling People and lies in the very epicenter of the world's marine biodiversity in the Indo-Pacific Ocean.

Lembah Straits is known as the muck diving capital of the world. Muck dives consist of sandy black slopes with good visibility, approximately 10-15m. It is a macro-photographers dream, as the slopes are teaming with allsorts of fascinating

critters and the black sand reduces backglare.

Muck diving Lembah Straits is one of the few places in the world where you will see the elusive hairy frog fish, pygmy sea horses, larger sea horses like the thorny seahorse, mimic octopus, wunderpus and flamboyant cuttlefish to name a few.

Last but not least, Lembah is also surrounded by sites with small walls and slopes full of soft corals. Lembah diving truly does have something for everyone.

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Project Seahorse



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We are calling on anyone who has seen a seahorse in the wild to contribute information to our citizen science database. We are collecting this data through our iSeahorse website and free iPhone app (search 'iSeahorse Explore' in the App Store). Once uploaded, data about seahorse sightings becomes part of our efforts to understand these magnificent creatures.

www.iseahorse.org



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Great Barrier Reef Photo & Video competition 2014

The Great Barrier Reef Photo and Video competition for the 2014 Cairns Underwater Film Festival is now open for entries with a massive prize pool worth over \$70,000. This year we have a new video category and will be raising money for local marine charities: the Cairns Turtle Rehabilitation, the Minke Whale Project and the Tangaroa Blue Foundation.

The competition is running over the next three months leading up to the festival, with entries for the film competition closing on the 12th July, whilst the photo competition closes on the 23rd July. Festival organisers are now calling on local underwater photographers and filmmakers to get their entries ready.

www.cairnsunderwaterfilmfestival.com

This year's competition prize pool includes dive expeditions to the Great Barrier Reef, Coral Sea, Papua New Guinea, Palau, Bull Shark diving in Palau and Great White Shark diving in South Australia. We have to acknowledge and thank the dive and tourism industry for the tremendous support and commitment they have shown to the festival. Once again we have an incredible prize pool, which includes a range of diving and snorkelling day trips, underwater camera equipment and courses.

Run by a team of passionate volunteers the festival screens a combination of local and international talent, giving filmmakers a chance to showcase their talent in the only Australian festival of its kind.

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