

# Photographic Prints Display and People's Choice Voting

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Conference registrants were invited to submit mounted A4 size photographic prints of cave or karst related subjects for display at the Conference. It was decided, after taking into account experience at recent previous ASF Conferences, not to arrange for external judging but rather to focus on the display aspect, together with a 'people's choice' competition wherein conference delegates could vote for their preferred print in each category.

Four categories were proposed in the invitation notice, viz: Surface Karst & Cave Entrances; Underground Action; Cave Passages & Pitches; Speleothems. Two further categories 'Scientific' and 'Humorous' were suggested by interested submitters in December '08, however it was by then considered too late to revise the invitation in fairness to others who may have already arranged their prints for submission. Instead, an advice was issued that an 'Unclassified' section would be included for the display, but that prints in this section would not be included in the 'people's choice' voting.

Seventy-two submitted prints were displayed on panels in the Conference common room from Monday to Thursday in the respective categories plus 'unclassified'

prints. Some submitters offered their prints for sale and in this case the asking price (inclusive of a 10% conference commission) was placed beside or under the respective prints. For voting purposes, each print in the four nominated categories was assigned a serial number. A single ballot paper was included in each registrant's 'showbag' with spaces to write in the number of the preferred print in each category. A total of 53 ballot papers had been placed in the ballot box by the close of voting on Thursday.

The accompanying table lists the photographic prints submitted for each category and the number of votes (out of 53) accorded to the respective prints by the 'people's choice' voting. The winning print in each category is printed in blue type. The actual number of votes received for individual prints is included particularly for the interest of the submitters. At least one of the photographers was surprised by the relative preferences as reflected in the numbers of votes for particular prints.

Prints offered for sale in the display ranged in price from \$19 to \$29. Out of a total of 46 prints offered for sale, 27 were sold at the conference.

## Table of Submitted Photographic Prints and Voting

\*The winning print in each category is printed in bold colour type. ie blue

\*Submitter initials:

DW-C David Wools-Cobb  
GS Garry Smith  
IMcC Iain McCulloch  
IN Ida Newton  
NP Norman Poulter  
RZ Reto Zollinger  
YI Yvonne Ingeme

Number	Title / Description	Submitted by*	Votes
<b>Category: Surface Karst &amp; Cave Entrances</b>			
1	Bunda Cliffs	NP	1
2	Nullarbor Cave	NP	3
3	Tree Moulds	DW-C	1
4	Stromatolite	DW-C	2
5	Thampana Cave	IN	10
6	Timor Karst	GS	1
7	Lava Tube – South Korea	DW-C	2
8	Abakurrie	IN	1
9	Yarrangobilly Karst	GS	4
10	Bullita Karst	DW-C	5
11	Xeres Cave	GS	10
<b>12</b>	<b>Loch Ard Gorge Cave</b>	<b>GS</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>Category: Underground Action</b>			
1	Squeeze	NP	
2	Handholds?	GS	4
<b>3</b>	<b>Walking in Mud</b>	<b>GS</b>	<b>15</b>
4	Cockroach (2 prints)	IN	1
5	Climbing in Passage	GS	8
6	Dave Butler in Brown Snake Cave (SA)	GS	5
7	Midnight Hole	GS	9
8	Crawl	DW-C	2

9	Soft Caving – Lava Tube	DW-C	
10	Linda	DW-C	8
11	Glow worm threads	DW-C	1
12	Gunns Plains Cave	DW-C	
<b>Category: Cave Passages &amp; Pitches</b>			
1	The Panthenon (Nullarbor)	NP	2
2	Christmas Extension	NP	1
3	Main Cave Timor	GS	7
4	AbraKurrie Cave	IN	2
5	Serpentine Cave meanders	GS	8
6	<b>Croesus Cave</b>	<b>GS</b>	<b>26</b>
7	Not used		
8	Quarry Cave	GS	4
9	Bullita Tree Roots	DW-C	1
10	Gunns Plains Cave	DW-C	
11	Croesus Cave	DW-C	
12	Bullita	DW-C	2
13	Croesus	DW-C	
<b>Category: Speleothems</b>			
1	Halite spaghetti	NP	1
2	Crystalline Halite	NP	
3	Fossil Lake – Prostrate Pit	NP	
4	Prostrate Pit	IN	3
5	The Hook – Prostrate Pit	NP	
6	Speleothems – Prostrate Pit	IN	1
7	<b>Spirit Cave</b>	<b>RZ</b>	<b>11</b>
8	‘The Hook’ straw	NP	6
9	Matilda Cave	IN	
10	Quarry Cave	YI	2
11	Quarry Cave	YI	
12	Speleothems – Prostrate Pit	IN	
13	Sentinel Cave	IN	1
14	Crystal	IMcC	3
15	‘Fried Egg’	GS	2
16	Tick Cave	YI	4
17	Tick Cave	YI	
18	Murder Cave	GS	1
19	Forbidden City – Kubla Khan Cave	DW-C	
20	Helictite Profusion - Cliefden	GS	1
21	Calcified Tree Roots – Monbulla	GS	7
22	Not used		
23	Jaws of Pleasure – Glass Cave Jenolan	GS	3
24	‘The Ball’ – Croesus Cave	DW-C	
25	Lava Column - Korea	DW-C	
26	Rimstone Dams – Glass Cave	GS	1
27	Bullita Balls	DW-C	6
28	Jessica – Quarry Cave	DW-C	
<b>Unclassified (not included in voting)</b>			
	Face in Hole	GS	
	The Loop	DW-C	
	Lava Chocolate	DW-C	
	Bat	GS	
	Skull	GS	
	Weta	GS	
	Bone Yard	DW-C	
	Underground Pottery	DW-C	
	Moth	GS	