

EUSTORY SLOVAKIA

Report 2017/2018

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Theme of the competition:

Fragility of Liberty

Each academic year, with each new competition, EUSTORY team in Slovakia is searching for new, motivating, and inspiring theme, which could contribute to understanding of the modern history of Slovakia and Europe from different perspective.

Therefore, the announcements of themes have always been sort of curious expectations for schools, students and tutors, and accordingly, they all have been expressing appreciations in this regard.

The last competition with the title “Fragility of Liberty” was referring to a digit “8” in the year 2018: *“Soon we will have here the year 2018. The years ending with ‘eight’ have in our Slovak history often a breakthrough significance. Let's just mention few of them – years 1848, 1918, 1938, 1948, 1968 (...) At the 13th anniversary of EUSTORY in Slovakia we want to address the ‘crime of communism’. For you, high school students, it will be unique opportunity to look for direct witnesses, record their life stories and mediate a historical experience that is still far from being spoken. And to look for answers to the question: Why is that so? The fragility of freedom, freedom from totalitarian regimes and dictatorships of different origins is up to date even today and will probably be actual forever.”¹*

¹ Contest Guidelines, October 2017

Attendance:

This year, 64 students in 37 mostly group works participated in competition.

Process of selection:

We have a rule to prefer changing the jury members if a theme requires this and it would increase the quality of selection process. Prof. Ivan Kamenec, renowned historian and member of the Slovak Academy of Sciences and Mr. František Neupauer, PhD, member of the Slovak Memory Institute were representing the jury this time. The selection process was the same as the previous year.

Winners:

1st place: Simona Böhmová and Natália Šlesárová, **Condemned by Regime**

2nd place: Miroslava Šarköziová, **To be Romany Means to be Free**

3rd place: Veronika Kašová and Alexandra Melušová, **Imprisoned Person, Free Faith**

Two special prizes have been awarded as well to the works with valuable authentic audio material:

Roman Debnár with **The Story of Respectable Clergyman** and Patrik Liška with **On dividing Line – Episode from the Time of Collectivization.**

Follow-up:

The Award Ceremony took place again in the premises of Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs. The speakers have been chosen to the relevance of the theme – the key note was a journalist, Ms. Soňa Gyarfašová of the Slovak Radio and Television, who was mapping victims of two totalitarian regimes in Slovakia already for years. Both jury member were present and expressed their message to the audience personally. The mass media representatives also attended the Award Ceremony. In November 2018, the results of the competition will be published.

**SLÁVNOSTNÉ VYHODNOTENIE XIII. ROČNÍKA SÚŤAŽE
Z NOVODOBEJ HISTÓRIE
PRE ŠTUDENTOV STREDNÝCH ŠKÔL S TĚMOM**

Krehkosť slobody

22. júna 2018, MZVaEZ, Hlboká 2, Bratislava

Program

10:00–10:20 **Chápanie rozdielov, prekonávanie rozdelení,
premostňovanie hraníc – to je EUSTORY**

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10:20–11:00 **Zločiny bez trestu alebo dedičstvo nevyrovnania sa s minulosťou**

Soňa Gyarfášová

Publicistka, dlhodobo sleduje a mapuje osudy poznačené dvoma totalitami, pracuje v RTVS

11:00–11:15 **Zhodnotenie XIII. ročníka súťaže EUSTORY na Slovensku**

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Prezentácia víťazných prác

Zvláštna cena:

11:15-11:45

Roman Debnár: Príbeh čestného kňaza (Ak bol človek pevný v kramflekoch, dalo sa) - audio nahrávka

a

Patrik Líška: Na rozhraní - príbeh z obdobia kolektivizácie - audio nahrávka

11:45-12:05

3. miesto: Veronika Kašová a Alexandra Melušová

Gymnázium Varšavská cesta 1, Žilina

Uväznený človek, slobodná viera

12:05 – 12:25

2. miesto: Miroslava Šarköziová

Gymnázium Milana Rúfusa, Žiar nad Hronom

Byť Róm znamená byť slobodný

12:25-12:45

1. miesto: Simona Böhmová a Natália Šlesárová

Gymnázium Varšavská cesta 1, Žilina

Odsúdený režimom

12:45-14:00

Slávnostné odovzdávanie diplomov

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Občerstvenie

