

PRESS RELEASE no. 21 Top prize coming back to the Czech Republic

At the occasion of the 48th Barum Czech Rally Zlín 2018, a traditional photo competition was announced. After two years, the motorsport photographer Marcin Rybak from Lodz, Poland, was, figuratively said, dismounted from the throne, and the main prize remained in the Czech Republic. The new king is a photographer Daniel Šimek from www.rallyservice.cz. He won again after three years, and it is his third overall triumph. He won this favorite photo competition in 2011 and 2015 and was second in 2014. The prizes for the photo competition donated RALLY MODELS - Antonín Babík, JNK Studio Zlín - production and distribution of video cassettes. Company ALITRON CZ, s.r.o. prepared for a winner a year-long subscription of a specialized motoring magazine RALLY.

Auto Club Barum Zlín in cooperation with the agency ZLIN PRESS production announced a photo competition in a single category *Digital photography* for professional photojournalists and amateurs alike. Members of the jury were Miloslav Regner (director of Barum Czech Rally Zlín), Roman Ordelt (ZLIN PRESS production), Ing. Jan Regner (Deputy Director of Barum Czech Rally Zlín) and another ten of the international panel. Together they chose the top three and recognized five exceptional photos.

“Every year, we are pleasantly surprised by the high number of participating photographers from many European countries. We are pleased that the photo competition has a constantly rising level. Nearly three hundred participants in the photo competition sent us a record number of photos. Professional motorsport photographers are more and more often being successful. An international jury composed of many personalities of the rally community does not have an easy job. Every year it evaluates a vast number of photos. The increased interest suggests the phenomenon of the Barum Rally has spread through Europe,” said Miloslav Regner, Chairman of the Jury and long-time director of Barum Czech Rally Zlín.

The international jury included Jon Armstrong (UK, World Rally Esports Championship), Ohran Avcioglu (Turkey, rider), Gilbert Bannout (Lebanon, rider), Giovanni Bernacchini (Italy, team manager), Eduardo González (Spain, co-driver), Zsolt Kajcsa (Hungary, team manager), Nico Leschhorn (Germany, team manager), Pietro Elia Ometto (Italy, co-driver), Tibor Szabosi (Slovakia, photographer) and Tomas Zemaitis (Lithuania, official).

Barum Rally Photo Competition has an unprecedented positive response among motorsport fans, while the quality of submitted photographs is continually rising. Two hundred eighty-two authors provided a record number of 1 174 photos! The jury awarded the best three and recognized five more remarkable images.

Digital Photography:

1st place: Daniel Šimek

Napajedla - 1 000 CZK

2nd place: Rafal Roguski, Poland

Gliwice - 600 CZK

3rd place Oldřich Pavlůsek

Březůvky - 400 CZK

Authors of recognized photos:

Gergély Makai, Budapest (Hungary)

Tomáš Řehůřek, Zlín

Martin Kovács, Veszprém (Hungary)

Radek Caga, Trnávka

Marcin Rybak, Łódź (Poland)

We congratulate all the awarded authors and look forward to more submissions in the newly announced photo competition for the 49th Barum Czech Rally Zlín 2019!

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