

International Science Fiction and Essay Writing Contest

EURISY, UNESCO, ESA and the Norwegian Space Centre have had a lot of response to their two competitions they organised for secondary school pupils worldwide.

The first contest was an International Science Fiction Writing Contest for 16 to 19-year-olds on the theme "Outer Space". The two winners are Marc Metziger from France with "Beyond" and Dewi Harjanto from the United States with "Natural Beef". They win a visit to the Space Camp in Norway. The special prize for developing countries was awarded to Christina Imera Bendeliani from Georgia with "Dream".

For 11 to 15-year-olds there was an International Essay Contest with the theme

"Space in our lives". The winners are Charlotte Monteil from France (1st prize), Benedict Alois Martin from Austria (2nd prize) and Tor Gaute Syrstad from Norway (3rd prize). The special prize for developing countries was awarded to Paul Sherwin Tarnate from the Philippines.

As there was such an overwhelming response from the younger age group, the organisers decided that next year's competitions will be oriented towards the age 11 to 13 years and 14 to 16 years. It will be an International Essay Competition with the title "From Earth to Planet X in an adjacent Solar System". Details will be available on the EURISY website in September 2004.



Erratum: The article in EDUnews 5, page 4, Life science students learn about "Life in Space" was not written by the coordinator Marie Diop but by the following students: André Blondiau and Bernhard Wulffen, University of Bonn, Germany; Clémence Chatreau, University Pierre et Marie Curie Paris VI, France; Carmen García Roch and Maite Laredo Varala, Autonomous University of Madrid, Spain; Hayder Guler, University of Nottingham, United Kingdom.