



Hans Bezard - Star Agency wins the 'Prix Armando Trovati' AIJS photo ski contest 2018

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The first annual 'Prix Armando Trovati' AIJS photo ski contest was won by Austrian Photographer, **Hans Bézard**. His photograph shows Patrick Schweiger pushing a gate with his ski before he crashes at Kitzbühel at the exit of the Mausefalle during the Downhill race. Austrian Hans Bézard is an Italian-based photographer for Star Agency. According to Hans who has photographed skiers since 1976: *"This shot of Patrick Schweiger could only be captured in the modern era thanks to the high quality and ultimate development of digital equipment"*



Patrick Schweiger by **Hans Bezard / Star Agency** photo data:

- **Camera:** CANON 1DX MKII - **Lens (mm):** CANON EF600mm f/4L IS II USM + extender 2x III

- **ISO:** 2500, **Aperture:** 8, **Shutter:** 1/2500 sec. **Program:** manual **Focus Mode:** AF continuous **White Bal.:** manual

The winner Hans Bézard received a Trophy awarded by FIS, which was presented at its annual Forum Alpinum on the eve of the World Cup opening races in Soelden. He will also receive 1000 euros and a short stay for 2 people at Grand Hotel Riva in Italy, one of the sponsors of the AIJS PAT 2018. In addition, he receives gifts offered by Salice, Colmar, Manfrotto and Douchebags.

In addition to the winning photo, a selection of 11 photographs were also selected for an exhibition: Alexis Boichard - *Agence Zoom*, Alain Gros Claude - *Agence Zoom*, Sebastien Boue - *L'Equipe*, Shin Tanaka - *Kyodo News*, Harald Wisthaler, Alexander Hassenstein - *Getty Images*, Gabriele Facciotti - *Pentaphoto/AP*, Jean Christophe Bott - *Keystone*, Sammy Minkoff, Christian Hartmann - *Reuters* and Jonathan Selkowitz - *Selko Photo*.

The competition, named after former Italian photographer Armando Trovati (AP / Pentaphoto) was open to all accredited photographers who have attended a FIS Alpine World Cup competition during the 2017-18 season.

The winning photo can be distributed by photo agencies as a hand out. Please contact us.

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