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# Entente Florale Europe Newsletter

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### 1.0. Prize Giving Ceremony.



Mayors of the nine participants on stage proudly holding their metal plaques.



**Participants at the awards presentation and Gala Dinner.**

**Dr Christy Boylan, AEPF Jury Chair.**







**Ms. Kitty Kéri, moderator.**



**Balatonfüred Folk Dance Ensemble - in full flight.**

**Dr. Rüdiger Paul Kirsten, AEFP President.**



### **1.0. Speech by AEFP President, Dr. Rüdiger Paul Kirsten.**

Lord Mayor of Balatonfüred, Members of Parliament, visiting Mayors from all participating countries in Europe, senior officials from councils of the participating towns and villages, our esteemed volunteers without whom none of this would be possible and other distinguished guests. A very warm welcome to all Board and Jury Members and national Coordinators of the AEFP and other partner countries.

I would like to extend a word of thanks to the organising committee for the Prize Giving Ceremony 2022. We are happy and very grateful, that Balatonfüred agreed to take on the difficult challenge to host the ceremony this year. We had planned to hold this ceremony at lake Balaton back in 2020. But the whole world

was unfortunately confronted with a pandemic crisis situation, which dramatically impacted the daily lives of every human being on the planet. After a gap of two years, we have restarted our competition again in 2022. In this year of hope, we were happy to re-commence the running of the competition. It is important not to forget, that only some hundred kilometres away in Europe an horrific and unbelievable war in the Ukraine is now raging. We think of all the victims of this war at this difficult time...

To read full text of speech click the link below.

<http://www.entente-florale.eu/wp-content/uploads/2022/10/Speech-by-Ruediger-Kirsten.docx>

### **3.0 European Market and Reform Era Parade**



**Reform Era Parade incorporating Entente Florale Europe participant banners.**





**Entente Florale Europe – European Market.**



**The Dobrochov delegation entertaining the crowds and displaying their wonderful musical talents.**





Things were 'bearing up' well at the Veresegyház market stall.

#### **4.0 EFE Results 2022:**

At the Awards Ceremony held in the beautiful city of Balatonfüred on the 24/09/22, the official results of the Entente Florale Europe Competition for 2022 were announced. The following were the results;

##### **1. Bad Sauerbrunn - Austria – Gold Medal**





2. Bollstedt - Germany – Silver Medal



3. Orfű - Hungary – Gold Medal





4. Dalkey - Ireland - Silver Medal



5. Diksmuide - Belgium – Gold Medal





6. Veresegyház - Hungary – Silver Medal



7. Dobrochov – Czech Republic – Gold Medal





8. Keadue - Ireland – Gold Medal



9. Székesfehérvár – Hungary – Gold Medal





Also announced at the ceremony were several **Special Characteristic Prizes** which were as follows;

- **Bad Sauerbrunn, Austria**

– Special Characteristic Prize for Hugelland Park. A playground consisting of several hills of different heights and shapes and divided into different play zones. It was made with natural materials, mainly acacia wood and larch. Any form of plastic was avoided.

- **Bollstedt, Germany**

– Special Characteristic Prize for the Landscape Conservation Club. The outstanding commitment of the Landscape Conservation Club to developing wildflower meadows, planting shrubs and the 'Riedgarten' project.

- **Orfű, Hungary**

– Special Characteristic Prize for the Ecotourism Visitor Centre. The centre for environmental education at the Bear Garlic House. This is an interactive exhibition which is presented in a playful way and offers green tours and programmes.

- **Dalkey, Ireland**

– Special Characteristic Prize for the conservation strategy for Dalkey Island. The outstanding conservation of Dalkey Island and work of Dalkey Tidy Towns Committee and especially their unique Energy Plan.

- **Diksmuide, Belgium**

– Special Characteristic Prize for the Rainwater and Drought Action Plan.

- **Veresegyház, Hungary**

– Special Characteristic Prize for the care of the Green Spaces.

- **Dobrochov, Czech Republic**

– Special Characteristic Prize for the Biocentre. A three-hectare area of land with three small ponds connected to a natural corridor for the movement of wildlife. It also serves as a natural shelter for game.

- **Keadue, Ireland**

– Special Characteristic Prize for the maintenance of the Heritage Park. The special approach of the Heritage Park maintenance, including the integration of wildlife meadows, especially the orchids.

- **Székesfehérvár, Hungary**

– Special Characteristic Prize for the care of its trees. Generally, the care of the trees, especially the plane tree in the square multi-functionality of the public parks.

Several **Thematic Prizes** were also announced on the night as follows,

- **Herbert Titz Memorial Prize 2022**

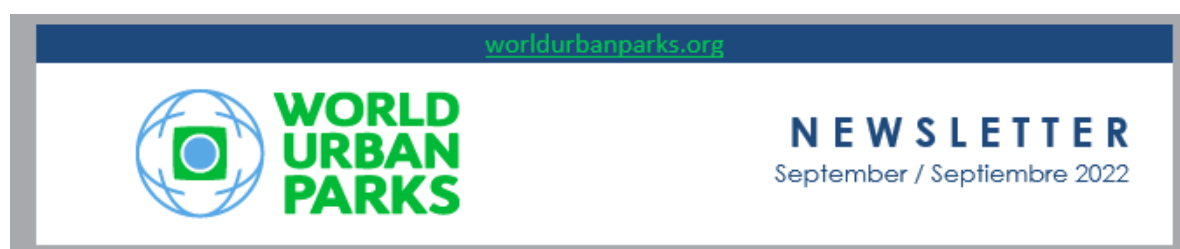
– Prize winner Diksmuide. For the community garden, their work and approach

- **President's Prize**

– Prize winner Veresegyház for the unique environmentally friendly Geothermal Heating System.

- **Entente Florale Europe/World Urban Parks - Green Spaces Award**

– Prize winner Székesfehérvár. The highest (average) score achieved for the criterion 'Green Spaces', mentioned in the World Urban Parks Newsletter -see below.



**Székesfehérvár Received A Gold  
Certificate At The Entente Florale Europe  
2022 Competition**





Left to Right: Ildikó Urban, Lenke Hári, Kitty Kéri, Báthoryné Nagy Ildikó Réka, Rüdiger Kirsten, Bill Kearney.

## 5.0. Useful Links

Click on the link below to view a **recording** of the **Entente Florale Europe Awards Ceremony 2022**.

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J\\_fn4QZ16OM](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J_fn4QZ16OM)



Click on the link below to view for a video of one of the EFE 2022 Hungarian participants, **Székesfehérvár**.

<https://www.szekesfehervar.hu/arany-minositest-kapott-szekesfehervar-az-entente-florale-europe>



## 6.0. New EFE Logo

We are grateful to Entente Florale Hungary for designing and launching the new Entente Florale Europe Logo which will be used from now on – see below.



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