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## THE FOUNDATION AT THE MONACOLOGY EVENT

The Monacology event was held outside Stars'N'Bars, Quai Antoine 1°r, between June 6th and June 9th 2017. Its aim was to host the Principality of Monaco's schoolchildren over the course of a week to raise their awareness of environmental issues. The organising committee, assisted by some 30 of the Principality's leading business figures, put on fun and educational workshops based around the UN's 17 SDGs. The Grimaldi Forum and the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation jointly ran a workshop focusing on wild fauna. Through a game of Trivial Pursuit, the children learned about the wild fauna of the region and also the threats facing these species and the ways in which they can be protected. An average of 200 children per day came along to join in the activities.



## SIGNING OF A FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT WITH MOLDOVA'S MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT



On May  $4^{\text{th}}$  2017 H.S.H. Prince Albert II of Monaco visited Moldova, to receive the insignia of Doctor Honoris Causa of the Moldova State University.

That same day, His Excellency Mr. Bernard Fautrier, Vice President of the Prince Albert II Foundation, signed a framework agreement with Mr. Valeriu Munteanu, Moldova's Minister of Environment, to establish cooperation between his Foundation and Moldova's Ministry of Environment, in connection with the preservation of biodiversity in the Orhei National Park and in the Prut river biosphere reserve.

## SECOND EDITION OF THE AQUAFILM FESTIVAL ON THE ISLAND OF ELBA

For the second year running, the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation supported the Aquafilm Festival, which took place between June  $23^{rd}$  and June  $25^{th}$  2017 at Portoferraio, on Elba, and presented short films on the theme of water, together with workshops and cultural and scientific discussion groups. The film competition, split into three themes – fresh water, sea water and thermal water – was set up by actress and journalist Eleonora Vallone.

A screening of the film 'The Odyssey', produced by Jérôme Salle and telling the story of Jacques-Yves Cousteau, took place at the beginning of the festival. Maurizio Coduri, President of the Italian branch of the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation, and Hélène El Missouri, Project Administrator for the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation, introduced the film 'Retour aux Sources' (filmed by the Monaco Government Communication Department), which traces the path of water across Monaco. Other highlights of this event: a documentary about the 1966 floods in Florence was presented by Mr. Alessandro Antonio Giusti, Honorary Consul of the Principality of Monaco in Florence, who was himself an active player in the chain of solidarity that was put in place during this tragic episode.

In conclusion, the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation presented the award 'Special Mention, Water and Environment' to Alvaro Ron, for his short film entitled 'Swimming in the Desert'.

## To find out more, visit: www.aquafilmfestival.org



From left to right: Maurizio Codurri, president of the Italian branch of the Foundation; Hélène El Missouri, Project Administrator for the Foundation; and Eleonora Vallone, Artistic Director of the Aquafilm Festival.