



Press release

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4<sup>th</sup> AIJS Photo Ski Contest *Prix Armando Trovati*

Along with the awarding of the *Skieur d'Or, Serge Lang Trophy 2021* (French *Alexis Pinturault* wins it), the AIJS (Association International Ski Journalists) is also proud to announce the winner of the fourth edition of the AIJS Photo ski Contest, known as the *Prix Armando Trovati* award.

Italian photographer and Guardia di Finanzia officer Gianpaolo Piazzi, best known as **Elvis Piazzi**, beat out a strong field of entered photos and was named the winner of the *Prix Armando Trovati* for his photograph of Alexander Koell (SWE) in action during the men's downhill on 19th December 2020 at the Audi FIS Alpine Ski World Cup race in Val Gardena (ITA).

The photo was taken at one of the most famous photo locations of the white circus, the *Ciaslat* on the *Saslong* slope.



Data of the photograph: Date: 19/12/2020 - Time: - Model: Nikon D6 - Lens (mm): 500 ISO: 800 - Aperture: 5.6- Shutter: 1/2000 - Exp. Comp.: 0.3 - Flash Comp.: Program: Manual

12 other photographs were also selected for the annual exhibition that you can also discover on social media each month @PATrovati : Alessandro Garofalo (Reuters), Andreas-Solaro (Agence France-Presse), Roby Trab, Sébastien Boué (L'Equipe), Erich Spiess (TirolFoto), Giovanni Pizzato, Francis-Bompard (Zoom), Leonhard Foeger (Reuters), Alexander Hassenstein (Bongarts / Getty Images), Gabriele Facciotti (Pentaphoto/AP), Lisi Niesner (Reuters), Jean Christophe Bott (Keystone).

AIJS would like to thank all of the photographers who entered their pictures in this year's contest and the panel of judges: AIJS President, **M. Patrick Lang**, **Jurg Capöl**, FIS Marketing Director, Wire Agency Representative **Madam Beatrice Larco** (AP), **Alessandro** and **Marco Trovati** (1 vote) and **Aksel Lund Svindal**.