**Celtic Challenge 2018**

The Celtic Challenge is a fun competition between the Celtic Nations of these islands.

It was started over 20 years ago by the late Sean Casey of Ireland and Rod Wheelans of Scotland initially as a competition between the two counties but has now expanded to include the other photographic federations from the Celtic Nations.

This year it was hosted by the Northern Ireland Photographic Association in Newtownards. A party of 12 people from the IPF travelled to the event and a great time was had by all.

The judge this year was Robert Millin MFIAP FBPE EFIAP/p DPAGB MPSA SPSA GPU Hermes – of the Wigan 10 photo group.

The IPF did very well – being placed

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| **IPF Rankings** |  |
| PDI | 4th Place |
| Mono | 2nd Place |
| Colour | 1st Place |

The individual awards were

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| **Best PDI Image** |   |   |
| Marek Biegalski | Generations | IPF |
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| **Best Colour Print** |  |   |
| Vadim Lee | The Apple Thief | IPF |
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| **Best Mono Print** |  |   |
| Ross McKelvey |  Mischa | NIPA |
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| **Best Overall Image** |  |   |
| Vadim Lee | The Apple Thief | IPF |

The overall rankings were

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| **Overall Rankings** |
|  | **Mono** | **Colour**  | **PDI** | **Overall**  | **Rank** |
| NIPA | 185 | 184 | 178 | 547 | 1st |
| IPF | 178 | 186 | 172 | 536 | 2nd |
| SPF | 176 | 179 | 174 | 529 | 3rd |
| WPF | 171 | 176 | 174 | 521 | 4th |
| NWPA | 173 | 170 | 165 | 508 | 5th |
| Isle of Man | 157 | 170 | 166 | 493 | 6th |

We look forward to the re-match in 2019.

Congratulations to our friends in NIPA who hosted a very well organised event and who won the title for the first time in the history of the Challenge.