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21. ročník medzinárodnej fotografickej súťaže
s jaskyniarskou tematikou

The 21th year of the international photo contest
with the theme of speleology

Speleofotografia

Jaskyniari patria medzi najzvedavejších ľudí našej planéty. Medzi ich charakteristické črty patrí aj to, že životné situácie nepovažujú za problémy, ale berú ich ako výzvy. Možno je to spôsobené práve prostredím, v ktorom pôsobia. Ved' jaskyne sú samá záhada, ukrytá v tme pred našimi očami. Tajomstvá kam len pozriete.

Ako ich odhaliť a ako ich ukázať svetu? Fotografia je jedným z esenciálnych spôsobov, ako podchytiť každý z atribútov tajomného tmavého podzemného sveta. Vniestť doň svetlo básnicky či osvetliť ho v technickom zmysle slova, ani to a ani ono vôbec nie je jednoduché. Svet jaskýň je nielen temný, ale i celkom komplikovaný, náročný na pohyb i pobyt, vyžadujúci si zladený tím skúsených jaskyniarov.

Fotografi tohtoročnej súťaže to svojimi dielami dokonalo demonštrujú. Priesečníkom rôznorodých námetov je nielen mimoriadne silné puto autorov k jaskynnému prostrediu, ale i k priateľom, ktorí ich cestou v podzemí sprevádzajú. Fotografie tak predstavujú pomyselnú plavbu riekou Acheron, z ktorej však, práve vďaka nim, jest vždy návratu.

Roku 2022 prebehol 21. ročník fotografickej súťaže s téhou jaskýň – Speleofotografia 2022. Svoje diela predstavilo 46 fotografov zo 16 krajín sveta. Dokopy odprezentovali 264 fotografií, opäť v dvoch kategóriách – Krása jaskýň a Speleomoment. Odborná porota súťaž vyhodnotila a v katalógu, ktorý práve držíte, nájdete jej výsledky spolu so stovkou najúspešnejších fotografií.

Prajeme Vám príjemné chvíle pri ich prehliadke!

Lukáš Vlček

Speleofotografia

Cavers belong among the most curious people of our planet. The fact that they do not consider life situations as problems, but take them as challenges, define their nature. Perhaps this is due to the environment of their activities. After all, caves are a mystery, hidden in the darkness from our eyes. Secrets – everywhere you look.

How to reveal them and how to show them to the world? Photography is one of the essential ways to include each of the attributes of the mysterious dark underground world. Bringing light into the word poetically or illuminating it in the technical sense, is everything but easy. The world of caves is not only dark, but also quite complicated, difficult to move, requiring a coordinated team of experienced cavers.

The photographers of this year's contest perfectly demonstrate these ideas with their works. The intersection of various topics is not only the deep connection of the authors to the cave environment, but also to the friends who accompany them on their underground journey. Thanks to them, the photographs literally represent an imaginary voyage on the river Acheron, from which, there is always a return.

In 2022, within the 21st year of the photo contest with the theme of caves, Speleofotografia 2022, 46 photographers from 16 countries presented their works. They entered 264 photographs, again in two categories – Beauty of Caves and Speleomoment. The jury evaluated the contest, and in the catalogue you will find its results together with the hundred of most successful photographs.

We wish you pleasant reading!

Lukáš Vlček

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Hlavná cena – Grand Prize

Martin Broen (USA) – *Cave Diving*

Krása jaskýň – Beauty of Caves

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| 3. miesto – The 3rd Prize | Cosmin Nistor & Cristian Ţecu (Romania) – <i>Castelbouc</i> |

Speleomoment

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| 1. miesto – The 1st Prize | Martin Broen (USA) – <i>Mayan Skull</i> |
| 2. miesto – The 2nd Prize | Cosmin Nistor & Cristian Ţecu (Romania) – <i>Selfie</i> |
| 3. miesto – The 3rd Prize | Marek Csukás (Czech Republic) – <i>Exploring a River</i> |

Internetové hlasovanie – Public Vote Prize

Geoffrey Couderc (France) – *New Cave in Dordogne*



Hlavná cena – Grand Prize

Martin Broen

Cave Diving



Krása jaskýň – Beauty of Caves
Prvé miesto – The 1st Prize

Alexandre Lopez
Jellyfish

Krása jaskýň – Beauty of Caves

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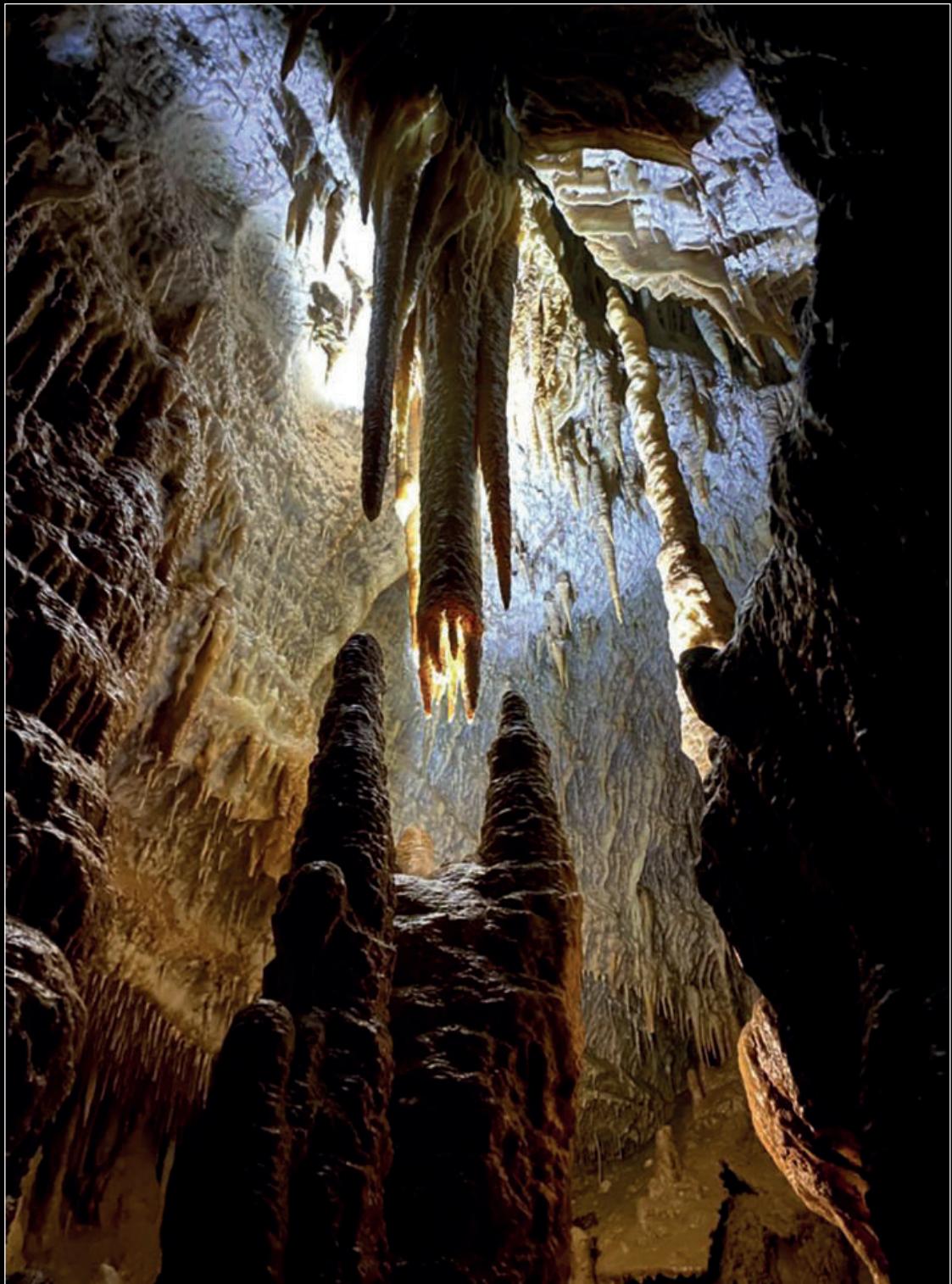
Marek Csukás

Exploring a River



Public Vote Prize

Geoffrey Couderc
New Cave in Dordogne



Krása jaskýň

Beauty of Caves



Martin Broen

Columns

A photograph of a scuba diver in a vast, dark blue underwater environment. The diver is positioned in the center-left of the frame, appearing very small against the scale of the scene. The water is a deep, saturated blue, with light rays filtering down from the surface in the upper portion of the image. The bottom of the image shows a rocky or sedimentary floor with a distinct wavy pattern. The overall atmosphere is one of depth and tranquility.

Martin Broen
Blue Abyss

Alexandre Lopez
Flow





Cosmin Berghean
Aragonite

Josef Wagner
Karst Treasure





Cosmin Nistor
& Cristian Țecu
Zarathustra

Sebastien Colson
Gallery





Josef Wagner
Red World



Cosmin Nistor & Cristian Ţecu
Malaval 1



Juan Pérez
Iron Oxide



Karol Kýška

Mexico - Sistema Sak Kay



Dario Maršanić
Surrounded by Speleothems

Alexandre Lopez
Sauron





Marek Csukás
Mandarin

Cosmin Nistor & Cristian Ţecu
Malaval 3



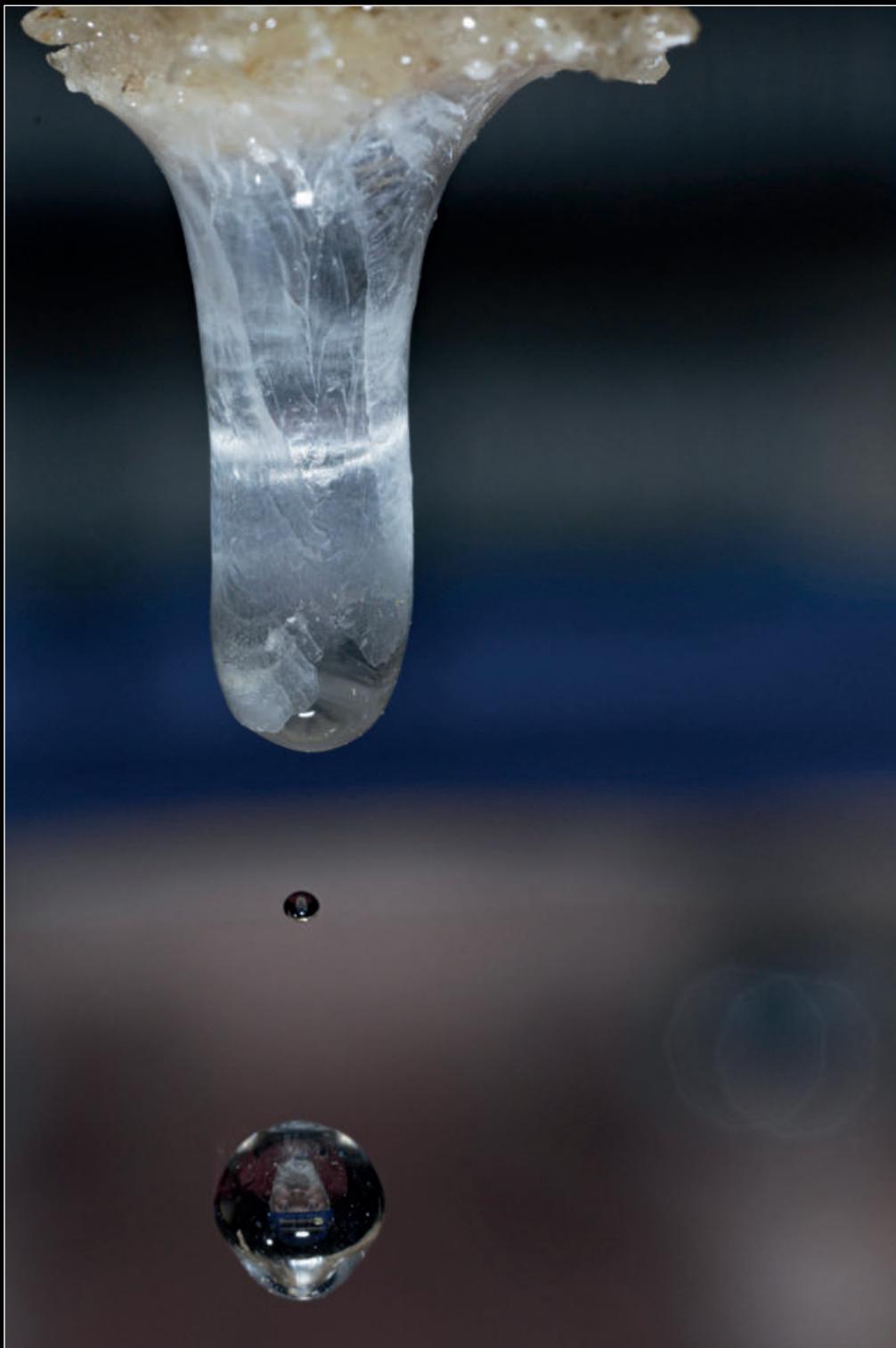


Cosmin Berghean
Malaval Galerie des Tucs



Martin Broen

Speleothems

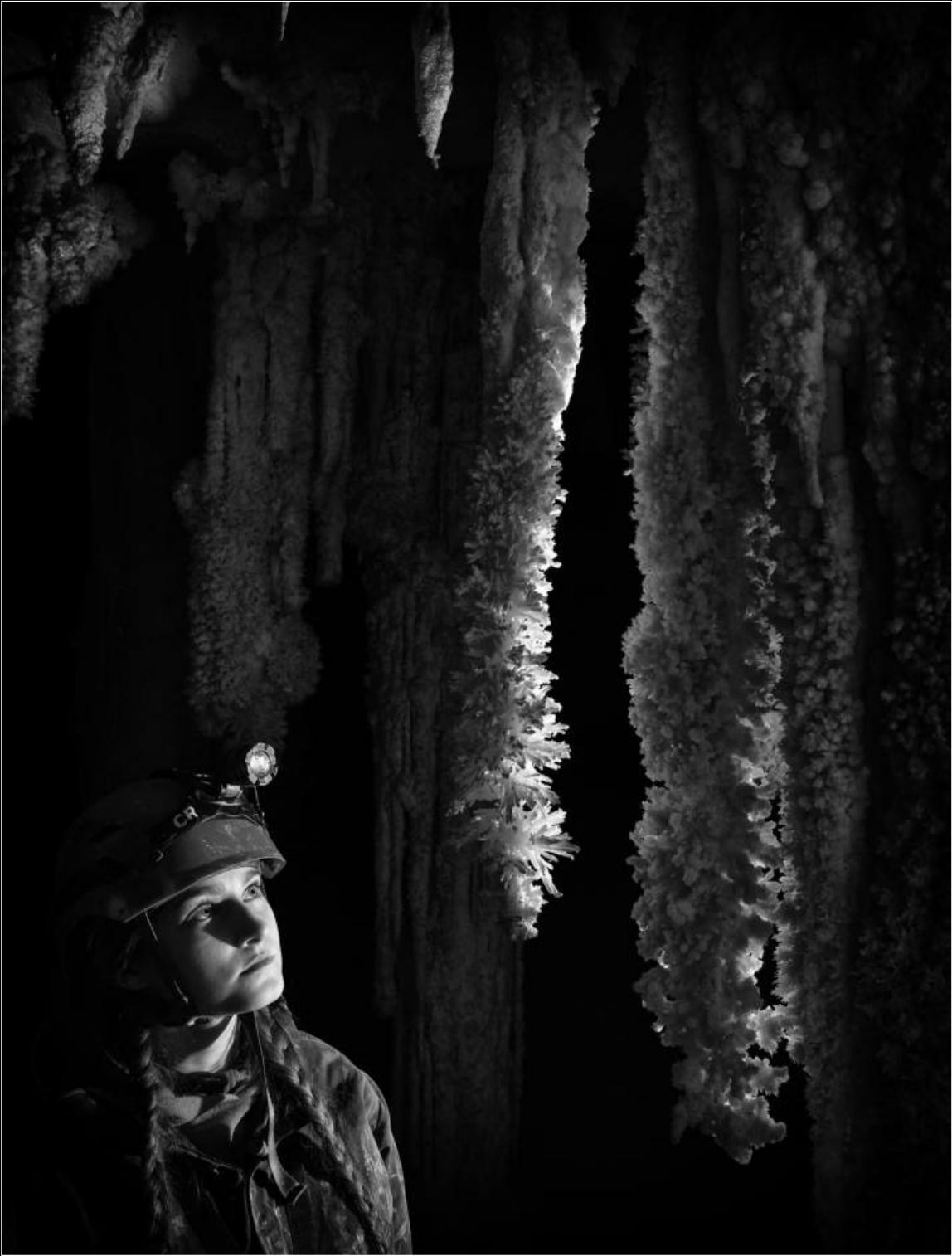


Luca Castellani
Carpe diem

Christian Roustan

Big Head





Josef Wagner
Karst Treasure

Luca Castellani
Refraction





Cosmin Nistor & Cristian Tecu
Comarnic



Valeria Miele

Memories from the Underground

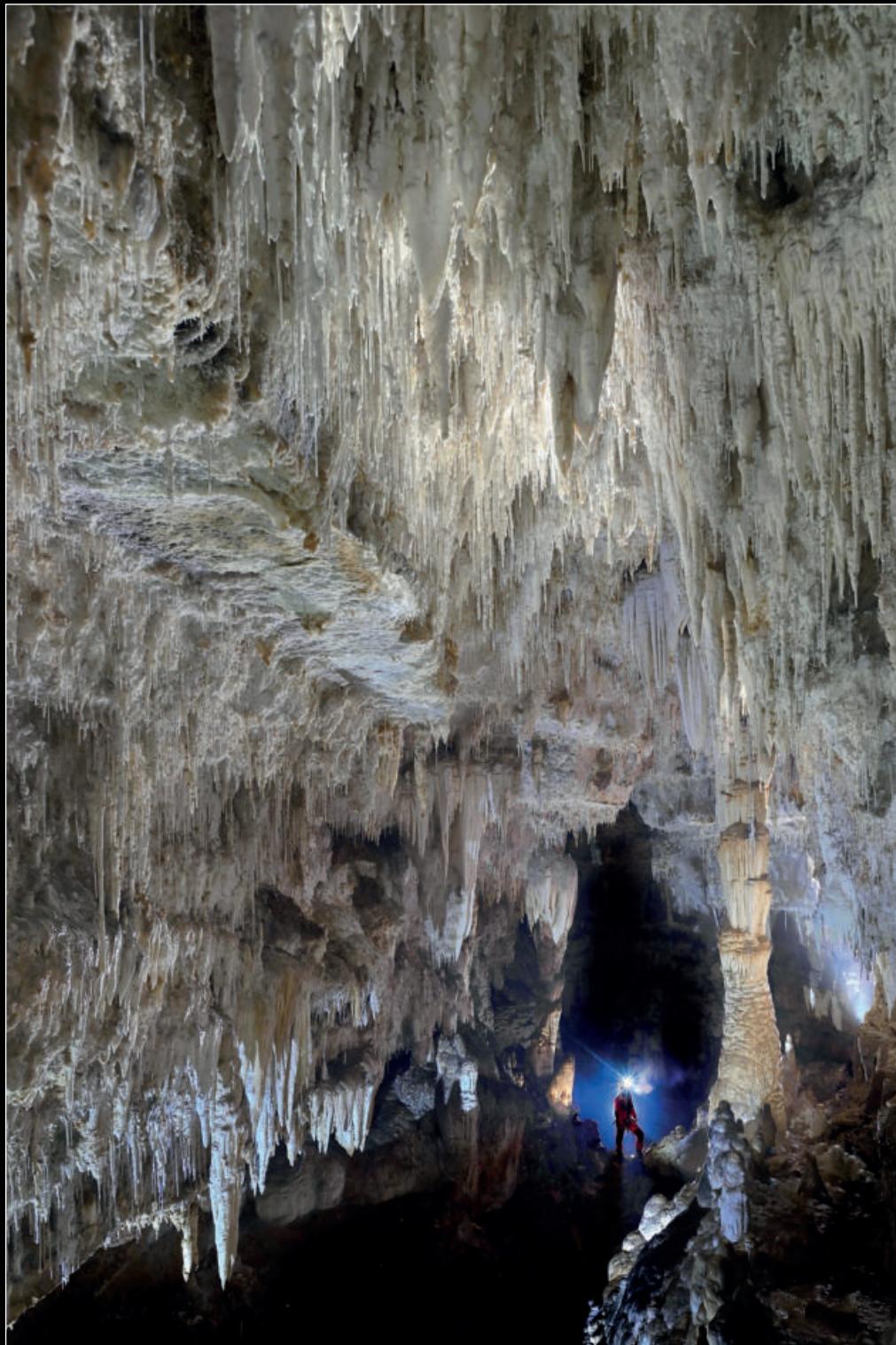


Karol Kýška

*Mexico - Sistema Tatich:
Bubbles*

Alexandre Lopez
Light





Cosmin Berghean
Hidden Worlds

Leo Poiret

Diaclase Duret





Luca Castellani
Hypogene Heart



Cosmin Nistor & Cristian Țecu
Clujade



Cosmin Berghean
Puech des Bondons

Luca Castellani
Following Water





Sebastien Colson
Diaclase

Valeria Miele
No Name





Hossein Mosareza
Nakhjir Pond



Marek Csukás
Volcano



Cosmin Nistor & Cristian Tecu

Malaval 2



Sebastien Colson

Pearl



Marek Csukás
Big Bang

Valeria Miele
Fluid Forms





Sebastien Colson

Pearls



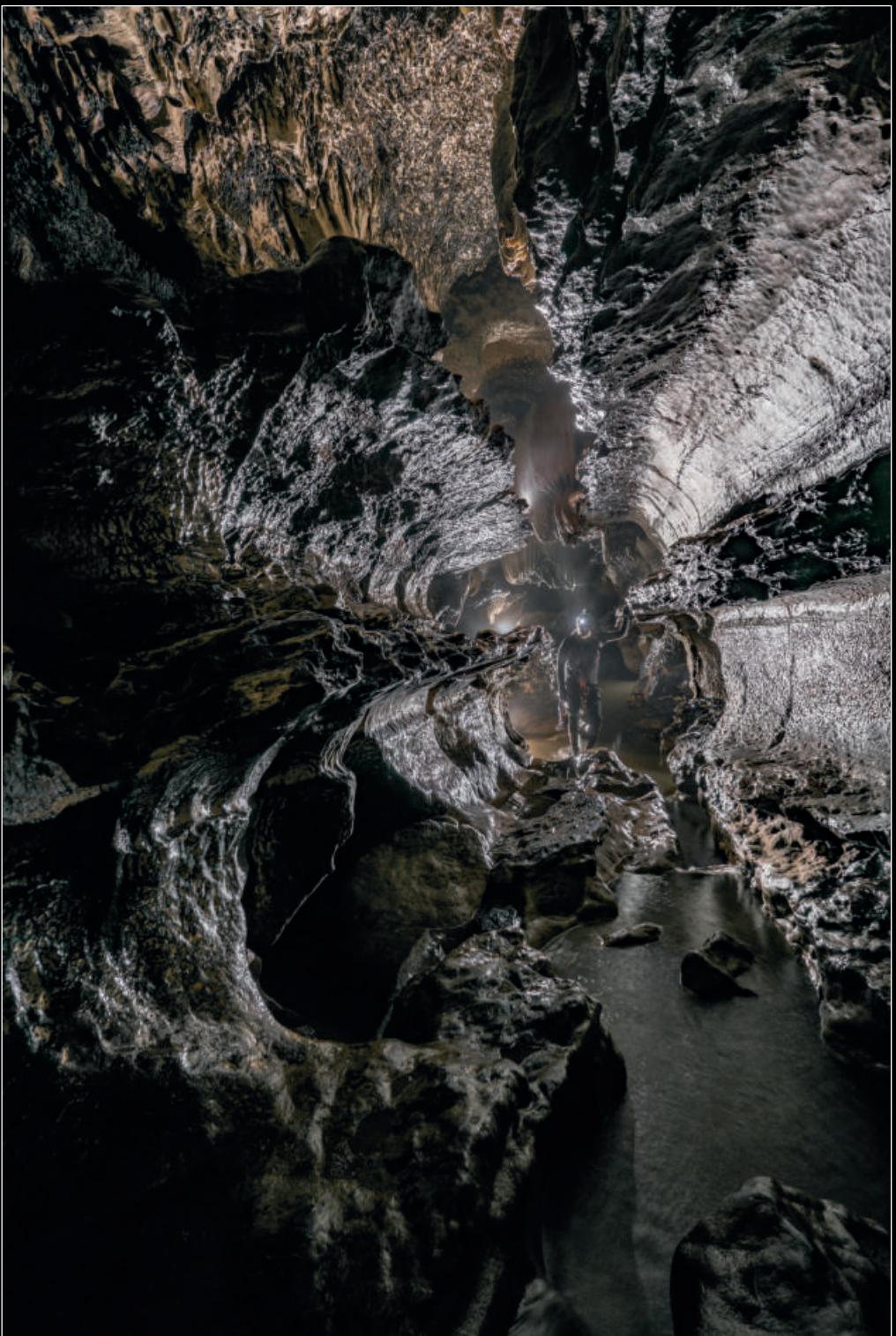
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Sphinx Lightning

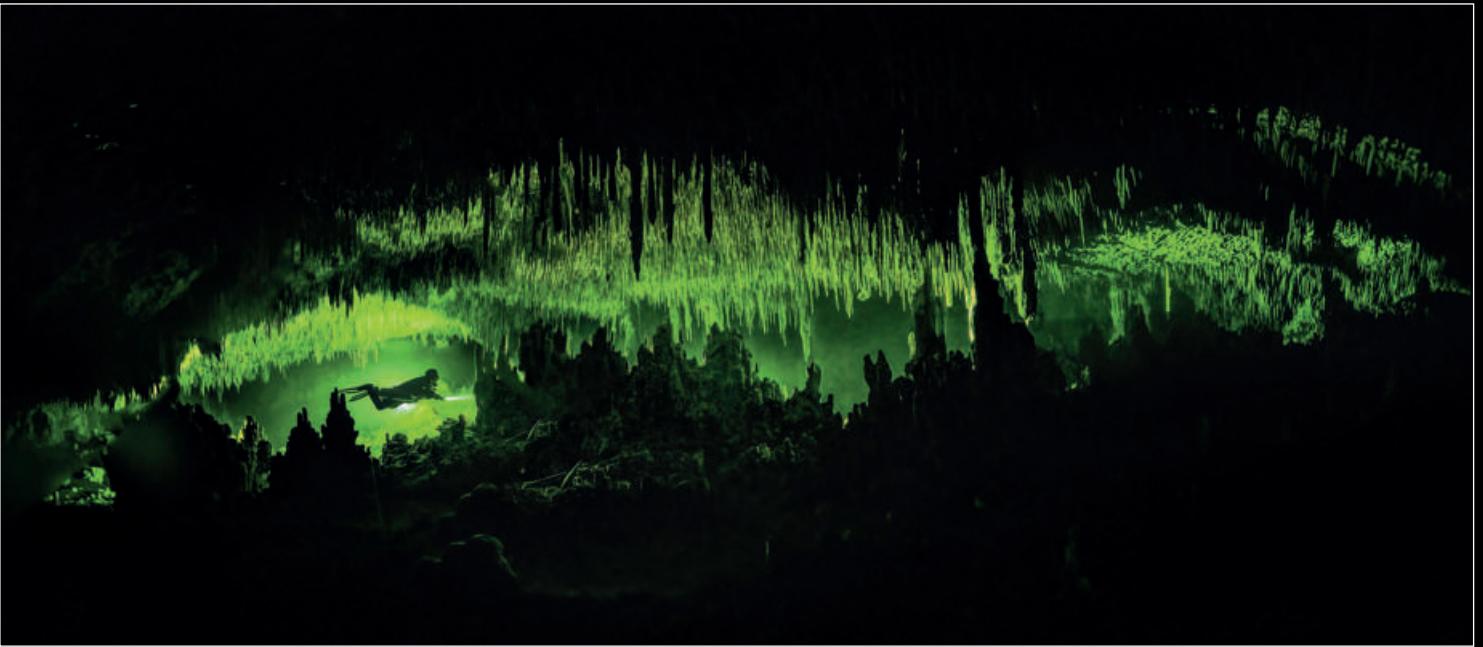


Ivan Šulek
Cave's Fin

Valeria Miele

Perspective Reflections





Martin Broen

Tannic Cave



Cosmin Nistor & Cristian Țecu

Castelbouc



Andrea Adalberto
The Belly of the Whale

Speleomoment



Jiří Šír

I am Coming



Cosmin Berghean
Caver

Juan Montero
Asturian Summer



A photograph of a caver standing in a large, dark cave opening. The caver is wearing a red long-sleeved shirt, dark pants, and a yellow headlamp. He is holding onto a rock formation on the right side of the opening. The cave walls are made of light-colored rock with some darker, textured areas. The background is very dark, suggesting a deep cave environment.

Erik Claes
Neoprene

Cosmin Nistor & Cristian Țecu
Barelle





Dorian Choupin

Fire Rift



Krzysztof Papuga

Waiting Room



Gaëtan Rochez
Letterbox

Michaela Lutz
In and Above





Cosmin Berghean
Aven du Mas Raynal



Tristan Fricker
Cathedral



Ivan Kletečka
Dark Heart is Down

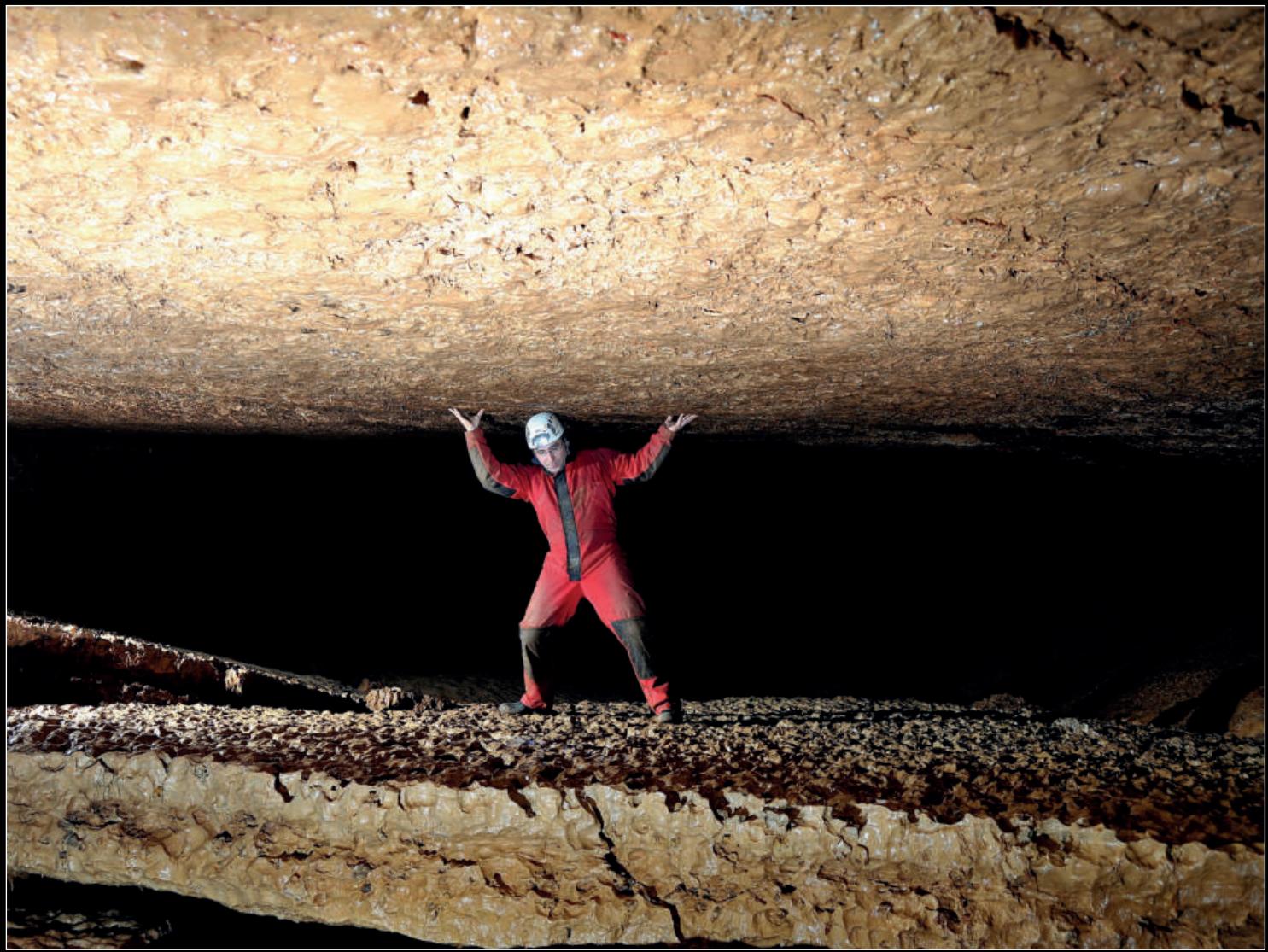
Christian Rouston

Crack





Daniele Sighel
The Last Supper



Ovidiu Guja
Sisif (Sisyphos)



Daniele Sighel
Transparencies

Marek Csukás
Filling a Bottle





Dario Maršanić

The Speleonaut



Martin Broen
Tannic Cloud



Maestracci Brice
Pit

Daniel Lee
Into the Dark





Cosmin Berghean
Diagonal

Ivan Šulek
Overcrowded





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Gypsum Sump



Cosmin Nistor & Cristian Țecu

Jaqueline



Hossein Mosareza
Falkon Eyes



Juan Pérez
Waterfall



Tristan Fricker
Lava

Cosmin Nistor & Cristian Țecu
Marius





Gaëtan Rochez

Birth of the Caver



Cosmin Nistor & Cristian Țecu
Roberto



Cosmin Nistor & Cristian Tecu

Helmut



Martin Broen
Scooter Ride



Brice Maestracci
Waterfall

Marek Csukás
Retro Surveying





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Breathe in the Air



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Anthonin



Juan Montero
Cracked Roof

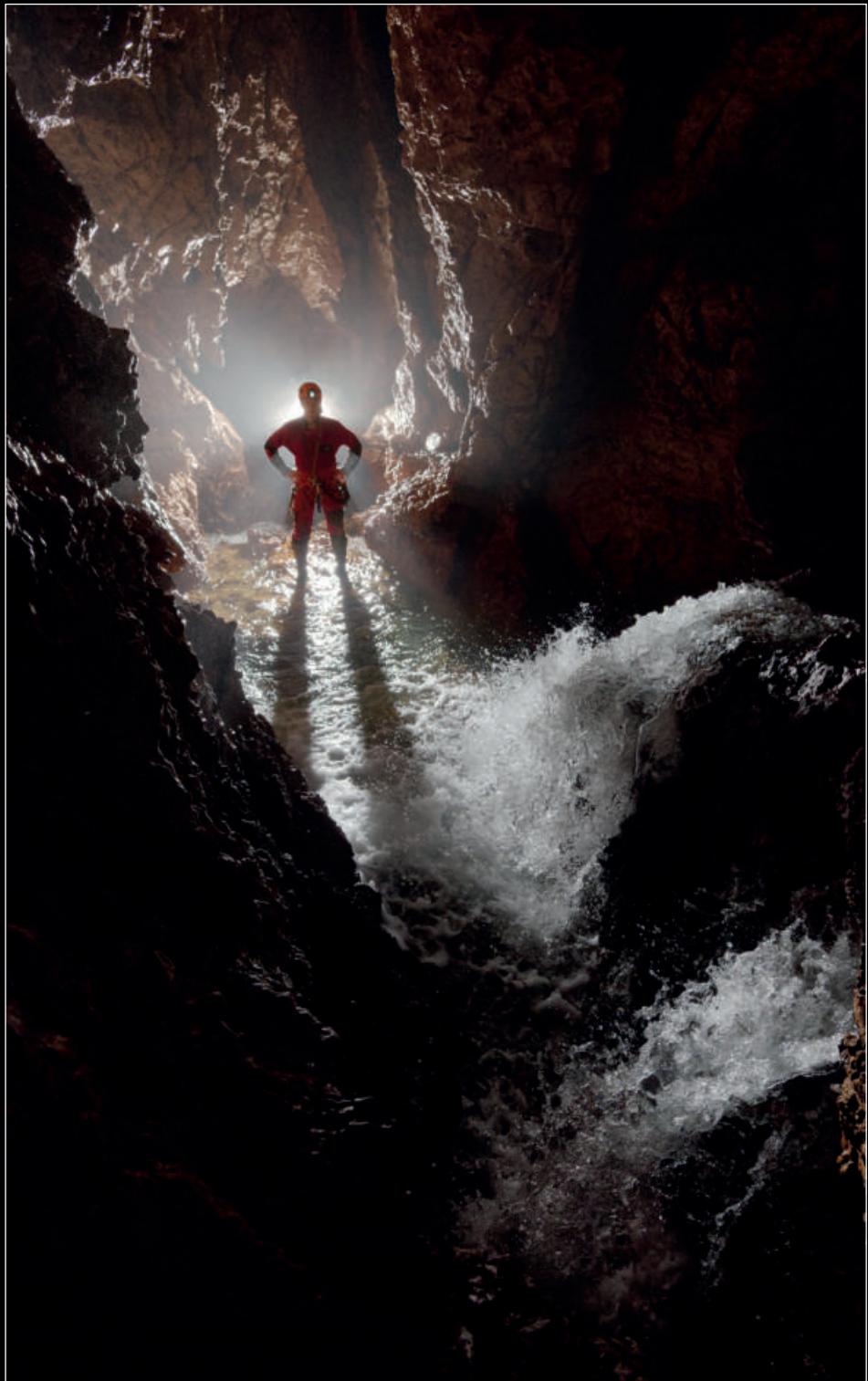


Juan Pérez
Phreatic

Martin Broen
New Cenote



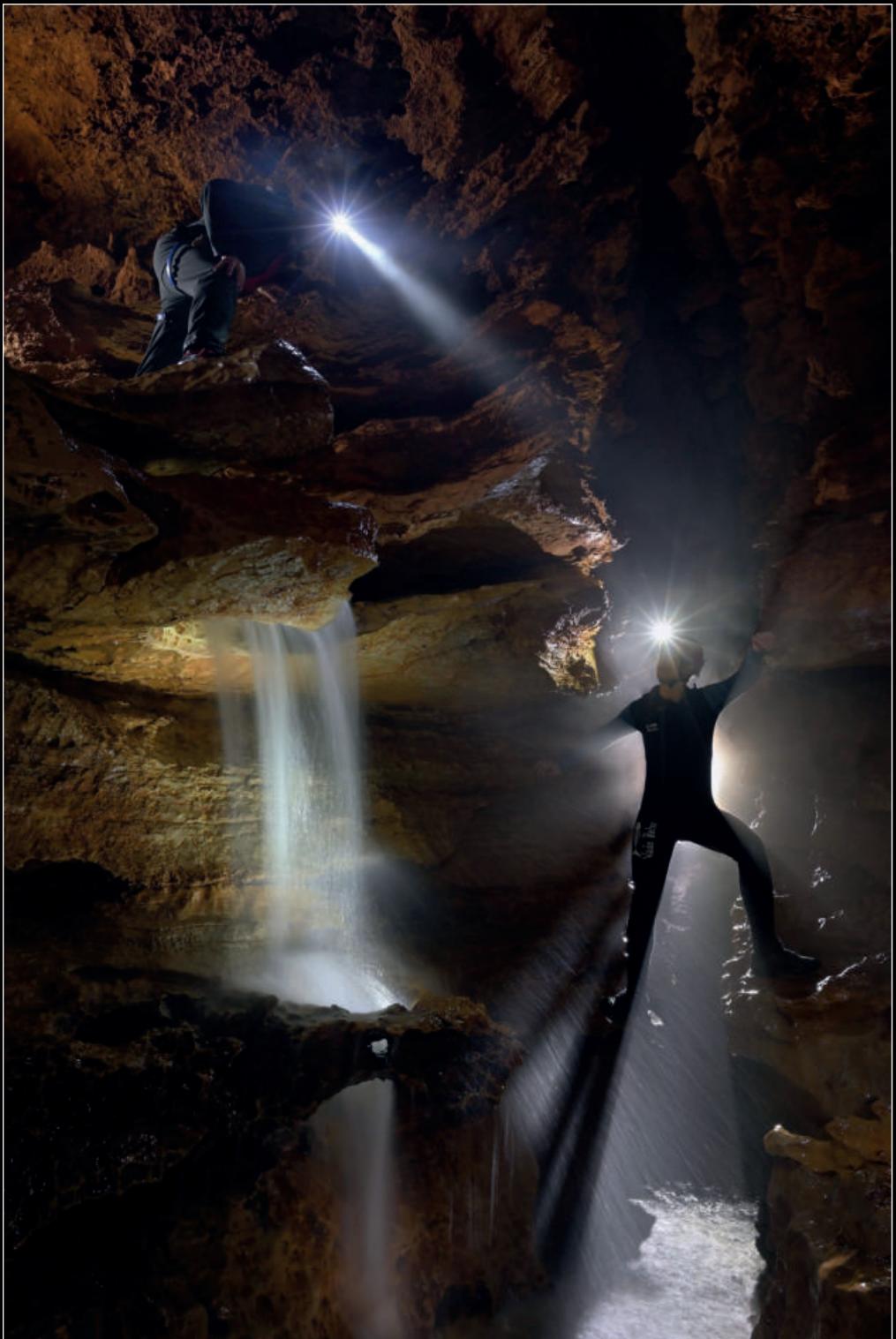
Michaela Lutz
Thundering Silence





Juan Montero
Under Storm

Cosmin Berghean
Where are You





Cosmin Nistor & Cristian Ţecu

In Blue



Cosmin Nistor & Cristian Țecu

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Rocks on the Way



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Loafs of Mud





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