

# future for nature

Annual Report 2016

# Award Event 2016



We received 104 entries for the 2016 Awards. Wietse van der Werf (Netherlands), Matthew Shirley (USA, working in Gabon) and Thai Van Nguyen (Vietnam) were the winners. They each received €50,000, funded by Royal Burgers' Zoo (two Awards) and the Gieskes Strijbis Fund (one Award).

On Friday 15 April 2016, well over 500 guests attended the winners' presentations and the presentation of the Awards and visited the nature conservation market afterwards.

Besides our winners, special guests included:

Saba Douglas-Hamilton, chair of Future For Nature's International Selection Committee and host of the event.

Ofir Drori, former winner and devoted fighter of wildlife poaching and illegal trade, delivered a passionate and personal speech, which did not fail to profoundly move many visitors.

Our ambassador Freek Vonk addressed our audience by way of a video message.

# Winners 2016





## Ofir Drori, Guest of Honour



**“Nature has the power to change us  
It touches our heart  
Light passion inside us  
A passion that can move us to action  
And make us better human beings.”**

Through the *Kidsweek* magazine, tens of thousands of children were told about Future For Nature and about the work of our winners. In 2016, this magazine featured:

- A contest with a special tour of Burgers' Zoo to be won by the children (17 March, in the magazine and online)
- The article *Prizes for Animal Heroes*, including task card (7 April)
- The article *Outsmarting Poachers*, including task card (19 May)

This programme  
was made possible  
by a contribution  
from the  
Gieskes Strijbis Fund.



# Previous Winners Survey

In 2016, a Wageningen University student performed a survey amongst our previous winners. Topics that were raised included the challenges they face in their work, the scope of their activities and the effect that winning the Future For Nature Award has had on them.

The survey results will allow Future For Nature to continue to support its laureates even better in the future.





## Manoj Gautam (winnaar 2015)



**“I think of the Future For Nature Foundation as my hidden power. They have boosted my morale by recognizing my work and they are one of the guardians of my work. It gives me a firm faith in true visionaries who care about tomorrow and have found a way of serving the nature of tomorrow in their own way.”**

# New 2017 Round



The new round for the 2017 Award Show was launched in July 2016. An appeal for candidates for the 2017 Future For Nature Award to apply, was disseminated through the Future For Nature website, three newsletters, 1,800 contacts and dozens of international websites.

When the round closed, 176 candidates had registered. Ten of these were nominated by the Dutch Selection Committee to the International Selection Committee. Out of these ten nominees, three were chosen to be the 2017 winners: Hana Ridha (Iraq), Shahriar Caesar (Bangladesh) and Farwiza Farhan (Indonesia).



# Finances



In 2016, Future For Nature's work was sponsored by:

Royal Burgers' Zoo  
Gieskes Strijbis Fund

Besides funding by these two major sponsors, Future For Nature received many major and minor donations from Future For Nature supporters in this year. The GlobeGuards Nature Auction on Tuesday 4 October also managed to raise a substantial sum for us and two of our former winners.

This year, in addition, both the National Postcode Lottery and Africa's Eden committed themselves to providing FFN funding as of 2017.



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For a complete survey of our revenues and expenses, please see our 2016 Annual Report.

# Board



On 1 January 2016, the following 5 people were members on Board of the Foundation:

- Alex van Hooff (chair)
- Claudius van de Vijver (treasurer)
- Willem Ferwerda (secretary)
- Ed Stibbe
- Eva Struving

Honorary members:

- Herman Rijksen
- Hemmo Muntingh
- Niels Halbertsma

In the 2016 report year, board meetings were held on 29 March, 24 May, 29 September and 8 December.

# Aims and Articles of Association



The Foundation aims to protect endangered animal and plant species (as laid down in the Articles of Association on 9 December 2008).

The Foundation undertakes to accomplish its aim by:

- a. Establishing and presenting the Future For Nature Awards
- b. Targeting the Awards at young conservationists (up to 35 years) who make a crucial contribution to the protection of endangered animal and plant species.

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