



## PRESS RELEASE

### ALAIN VATRICAN PRIZE-GIVING

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*PRINCIPALITY OF MONACO*

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This Monday, 8th June, World day of the Oceans, the RAMOGE Agreement, having as a goal the coordination of French, Italian and Monegasque actions in matters of preservation of the marine and littoral environment, has organised in Monaco, within the framework of Monacology, planned by the Monegasque association « Act for Nature », the Alain VATRICAN prize-giving ceremony.

This competition rewards an initiative, a project or a survey related to marine environmental protection as well as raising the public consciousness on those questions.

Approximately one hundred students have participated to the « 11-15 years old » category which had as a subject « Identify one of the main types of « producers » of marine litter (firms, dumps, households...) and suggest a sensitizing action in order to stimulate them to reduce this kind of pollution ».

The prize list is the following:

- **First prize worth 3.000 €:**  
**Class of 5° D from the « Collège François d'Assise Nicolas Barré »,** for the creation of a television channel within the school as well as the conception, the realisation and the film editing of programs on the theme of household litter.
- **Second prize worth 1.500 €:**  
**Classes of 6° from the « Collège Marie MAURON »,** for their project on the quality of tap water as well as their conference and their chart aiming on the sensitization of citizens in order to prevent them from buying bottles of water, therefore reducing the quantity of litter.
- **Third prize worth 750 € :**  
**Classes III section A from the « Scuola Media Statale Alfieri - Mazzini »** for their project on household litter, their survey intended to understand the habits of the people in their town and the realisation of a campaign of sensitization.

Regarding the « 21-26 years old » category, the Secretariat of the Agreement has rewarded students who have put into a new light studies in process in the RAMOGE zone:

- **First prize worth 3.000 €:**  
**Mister P. Arthur ANTONIOLI from the Oceanology Centre of Marseille** for its macro physiologic project on *Parazoanthus axinellae* within the framework of global warming.
- **Second prize worth 1.500 €:**  
**Miss Stéphanie COHU from the University of Nice - Sophia-Antipolis, Observatory of Villefranche,** for her project on the ecology and the dispersion of a toxic benthic dinoflagellate, *Ostreopsis cf. ovata*, in the north-western Mediterranean.
- **Third prize worth 750 € :**  
**Miss Manuela BAUDANA from the University of Genoa** for her project on the heave: renewable energy reservoir - Scenarios for the durability of the Ventimiglia municipality thanks to the energetic approach.

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