



THE ORGANIZING COMMITTEE OF INTERNATIONAL EXLIBRIS COMPETITION VARNA HAS ESTABLISHED A SPECIAL AWARD AFTER THE NAME OF EDWARD PENKOV

Dear jury, Dear participants,

At the beginning of 2016 an incredible artist, a master of bookplates and World-class Bulgarian artist Edward Penkov has passed away. Eddie's art-works increased the prestige of the Bulgarian bookplate school as one of the best in the World. The works of Edward will remain in the World art treasury. Considering his importance as a graphic artist and following a proposal of the Artistic Director of the Competition Mr. Julian Yordanov, the Organising Committee of the International ExLibris Competition Varna decided to set up a special award for outstanding artistic achievements after the name of Edward Penkov. The idea was supported by Edward's family which donates one of his works as an embodiment of this edition's award. From this moment on, each edition of the International ExLibris Competition Varna will nominate one artist for the Special Award named after Edward Penkov. We hope that in this way we can pay tribute to the talent of the eminent Bulgarian artist and make our modest contribution for keeping his name in the hearts and minds of collectors and artists of bookplate worldwide.

Edward Penkov (1962 – 2016) was born in Lovech, Bulgaria on 7th January 1962. Member of the Union of Bulgarian Artists. He has more than 10 solo exhibitions and numerous awards for his graphics - Regional award for graphics of the National Competition "Allianz Bulgaria" (2009), second prize at the International ExLibris Competition Ankara (2007) and others. Winner of the annual personal award "Lovech Sword 2002" for valuable cultural achievements.

Nelly Valcheva, Executive Director
International Exlibris Competition Varna

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