## Andrey Nikolaev Aksenov and Vicky Petrova Strashimirova (Bulgaria)

Andrey Nikolaev Aksenov and Vicky Petrova Strashimirova were representatives of PZHPT Marie Curie, Pernik, in the Bulgarian Welding Society (BWS) 2025 welded art competition. They produced a wonderful Exhibit, "Noah's Ark", targeted at showing the salvation of the living species on Earth.

For this exhibit and the whole concept of showing how important it is to save biodiversity as a vital resource, and that it is essential for humanity as a whole, Vicky and Andrey won first prize in the Bulgarian Welding Society (BWS) 2025 welded art competition.

In the context of "Noah's Ark" and contemporary challenges and advanced technologies, they believe that humans should strive to protect the environment.

Today, humanity is facing ecological crises, such as climate change, biodiversity loss and pollution. In a sense, our planet should be considered as a modern Vessel of Biodiversity, which must be protected to ensure the future for all living beings.

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## Exhibit "Noah's Ark"

Andrey and Vicky created from metal, a ship and animals – bee, giraffe, goat, rhinoceros, spider, horse, mouse, rabbit, elephant, fly and flower. For the production of the exhibit they used steel bar, profile, nuts, washers and bolts. They applied two types of welding,



Shielded Metal Arc Welding (SMAW) - process 111, and Gas Metal Arc Welding (GMAW) - process 135, and different methods of metal processing – cutting, bending and grinding. They received guidance and support from teacher Eng. Zornitsa Mavrova.

## **Dimensions of Exhibit**

60 cm high x 45 cm wide x 35 cm deep





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