

Antonio Vladimirov Taushanov and Daniel Stefanov Velkov *(Bulgaria)*

Antonio and Daniel represented PG “Acad. S.P.Korolev”, Dupnitsa, at the Bulgarian Welding Society (BWS) 2025 welded art competition.

Knowing that biodiversity unites all life forms on Earth, they understood the importance of protecting it. Their exhibit presented the idea of harmony between wildlife and modern man. In the centre of the composition they depicted a river with sheer banks, which seems to outline the boundaries of two different worlds – the virgin nature and the modern city. Since their town of Dupnitsa is located at the foot of the Rila Mountains, they recreated a small part of the biodiversity in Rila National Park where part of the animal world is threatened with extinction and is listed in the “Red Data Book of the Republic of Bulgaria”. They chose to show the brown bear, the wolf and the deer – animals that are extremely important for preserving ecological balance, as well as the white fir and other fir species.

On the opposite bank of the river is located the modern urban environment with its factories, residential buildings, highways and the people who inhabit it. Through the family with two young children, they confirm the idea that in childhood one should be educated in the love of nature and care for its conservation. Preserving biodiversity on a local and global scale is vital for humans, who are part of the great ecosystem of Planet Earth. That is why in the exhibit they have built a strong bridge over the river between the two worlds – a connection that never breaks!

Just as animals and plants depend on humans, so our lives depend on maintaining this ecological balance!

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Exhibit “Together With Nature for a Brighter Future”

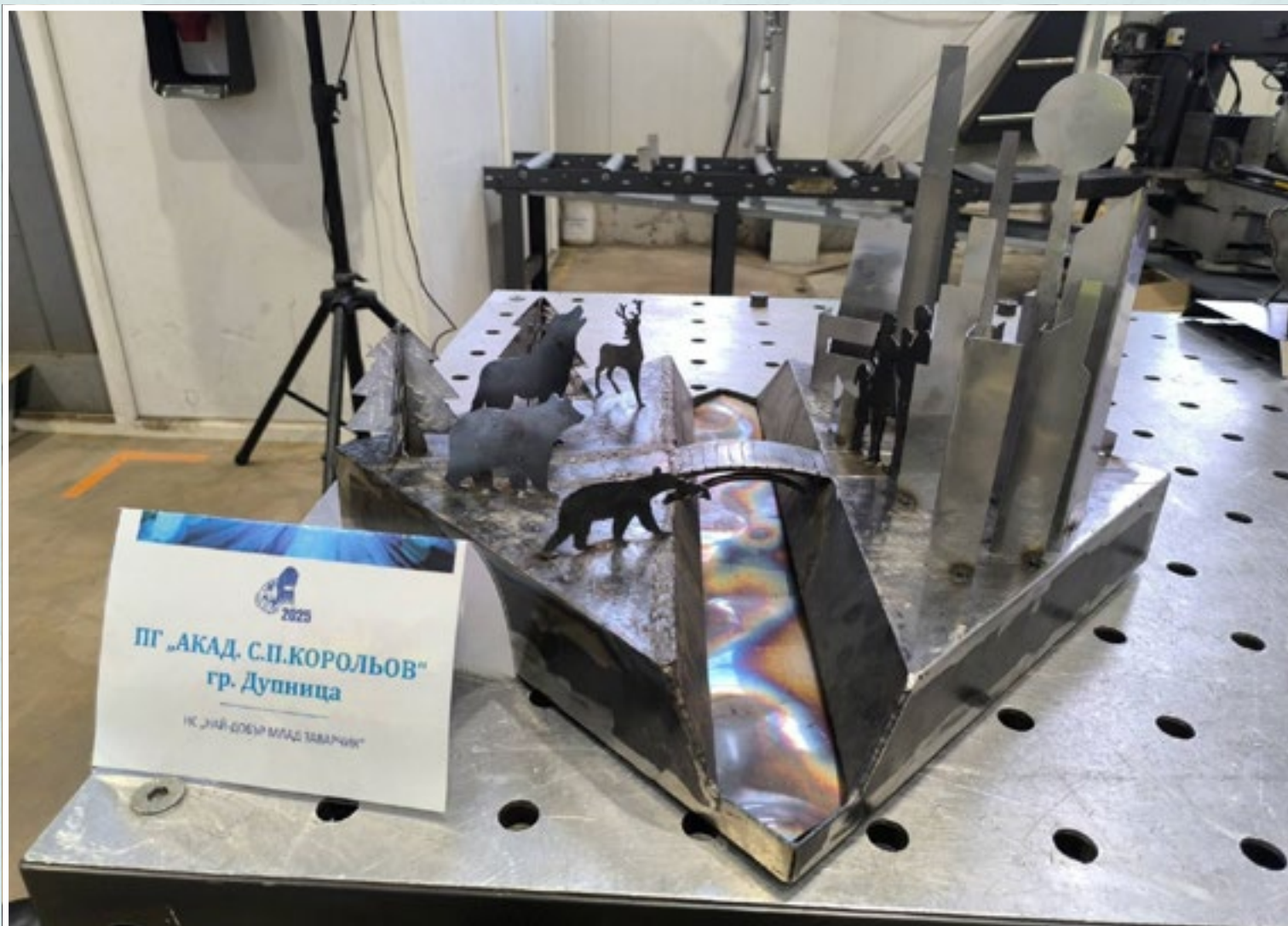
The materials used for the exhibit were carbon steel and stainless steel. Antonio and Daniel invested in using both precision laser cut figures and waste material, since the recycling of raw materials is also part of the conservation of the natural world. To achieve the effect of the clean waters of the river, they used a specific technique of processing stainless steel – by heating with a gas burner and tapping the metal. They used Shielded Metal Arc Welding (SMAW), Gas Metal Arc Welding (GMAW) and Gas Tungsten Arc Welding (GTAW) processes with appropriate filler materials and shielding gases.

Dimensions of Exhibit

60 cm high x 45 cm wide x 35 cm deep



Daniel Stefanov Velkov and Antonio Vladimirov Taushanov (left to right)



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