

IWA Knife Award 2024

The jury

As in the previous year, the IWA Knife Award will be presented in the categories "Tradition" and "Innovation" by a top-class jury of experts – from hunting experts to museum directors and knifemakers.

The jury in alphabetical order:

Beckmann, Dr. Jens-Heinrich

As Managing Director of the German Cutlery and Household Products Industry Association (IVSH), he not only has experience with knives in almost all areas of application, but also has an overview of an important part of the knife industry.

Maxi Hänsch

Countless knives pass through her hands, not only as managing director of a stationary retail store in Hamburg, but also through her online activities with the "Knife Lounge". She also shares her enthusiasm for knives on social media.

Steigerwald, Stefan

For the 2nd Chairman of the DMG, the German Knife Makers' Guild, it's not just about making his well-known, often unusual knives. The quality craftsmanship of the knives and the promotion of young talent are also important to him.

Jörg Urbainczyk

The knife enthusiast and blogger is with his knowledge deeply rooted in the knife scene.

Wagendorp, Tim

The Belgian knifemaker not only holds knife workshops on various topics. He also helps to solve crimes in the Netherlands as a "forensic expert for knives".

Wetzler, Dr. Sixt

The knife collection that the director of the German Blade Museum has access to consists of more than just the largest cutlery collection in the world. Knives from the Stone Age to the 21st century, literature, old pattern books and the KNIFE Award, which is presented annually in May, show that he is at the center of the knife world.

Zulauf, Carsten

As a hunter for over 20 years, he is not only a man of practice, he also runs the "Jagdservice Franken" and is well connected in the hunting and knife scene via social media.

The evaluation

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All knives submitted by the deadline will be presented to the jury in anonymous form. The 10 finalists in each of the two categories "Tradition" and "Innovation" are determined by scoring points.



These points are awarded for

- Originality – Authenticity
- Functionality – Practical use
- Aesthetics – Design
- Idea – Story (the story behind it)

A winner is only finally determined once the knives have been personally inspected on site at the IWA.